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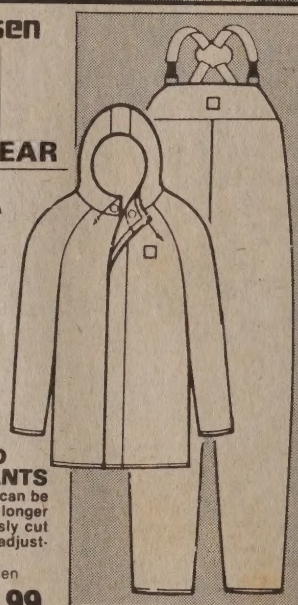

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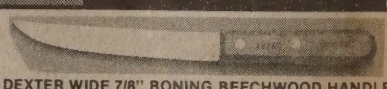

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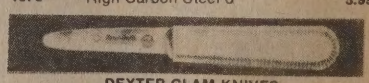

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This worthwhile course is available to the entire boating public with the intent to educate recreational, sail and power boaters throughout the United States.

Subjects covered throughout the course are as follows: know your boat; equipment, safety, operations and requirements; boat handling/rules of the road; seamanship, charts and aids to navigation, basic navigation, boat trailering, weather and coastal boating, engine troubleshooting, sailing, and piloting.

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Once again, Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 5-7 is proud to offer another boating course, which is open to the general public. Due to increased demand, the course being given this fall is a combination power boating and sailing course called Power and Sail. These lessons are presented as lectures and discussions which are supplemented with movies, slides, models and demonstrations which are supplemented with movies, slides, models and demonstrations with actual equipment. Students will have direct "hands-on" instruction and practice in the areas of marlinspike seamanship (nautical knots) and basic coastal piloting (navigation).

These courses, which are taught by highly experienced instructors are given on Thursday evenings from 7PM until 9PM beginning Thursday, September 11th. The entire course will consist of 12 lessons. Registration begins on September 11th, the first evening of class at 6:30PM.

The classes are conveniently located at the Coast Guard Building, Marine Inspection Office which is south of Battery Park near the Ferry. There is Free Locked Parking on the premises, if you are travelling by car. Public transportation is also very convenient. By subway, take the #1 IRT to South Ferry Station, or RR train to Whitehall Street Station. The #4 and #5 IRT also go to Bowling Green Station.

All instruction is taught free of charge. There is a nominal fee for course materials which include a textbook, workbook, navigation training chart and marlinspike practice line. For more information, please contact Marie Tenebruso at (212) 982-1706 or Steve Ober, (212) 689-0292. You may also call the Foundation for Boating Safety—U.S. Hotline at 1-800-336-2628.

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Skippers and skippers to be, enroll now in the Smithtown Bay Power Squadron boating course. "Go down t the sea in safety and with skill." Enroll in our course in the Nesaquake Jr. High School, Edgewood Avenue, St. James. Eleven weekly courses will start on Tuesday, September 23rd at 8PM.

For information, call Richard Tepedino at 724-3699 or Nicholas Mitchel at 265-0225.

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Maine worm dealers are currently on strike with bargaining negotiations under way at the time of this writing. The bad news, is that anglers in our area should be prepared to pay more for their worms once the strike is settled. Local bait dealers will have no choice but to pass on their increased costs to the consumer.

CAPTREE SQUADRON BOATING CLASSES

One of the principal objectives of the United States Power Squadrons is to promote safety in boating through education. Therefore, Captree Power Squadron is again offering, as a public service, its 10-week Boating course this fall.

Registration and the first class will be held at the Lindenhurst Jr. High School, 350 So. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst on Wednesday, September 10th at 7:30 PM.

Another class will be given at the No. Babylon Sr. High School, Deer Park Ave. and Phelp's Lane, No. Babylon. Registration for this class will be on Tuesday, September 23 and Wednesday, September 24 at 7:30 PM. Class starting date is Monday, September 29th at 7:30 PM.

Boat ownership is not required to attend this course, only a sincere desire to improve your knowledge and skill in small boat operation and handling.

Classes include a wide range of subject areas such as: types of boats, marlinspike, equipment, regulations, boat handling, elementary seamanship, charts, aids to navigation, basic compass use, boat trailering and much more.

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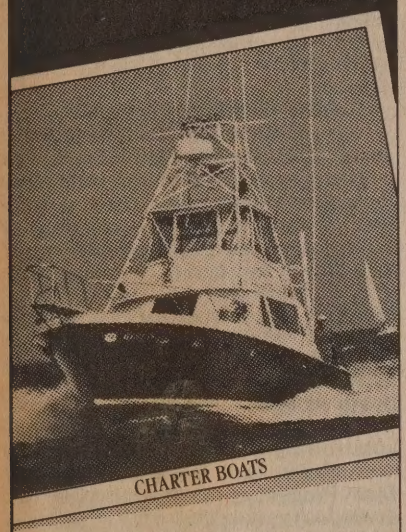
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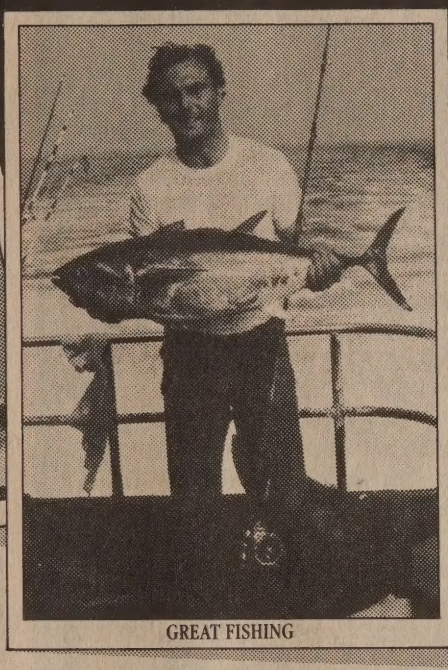
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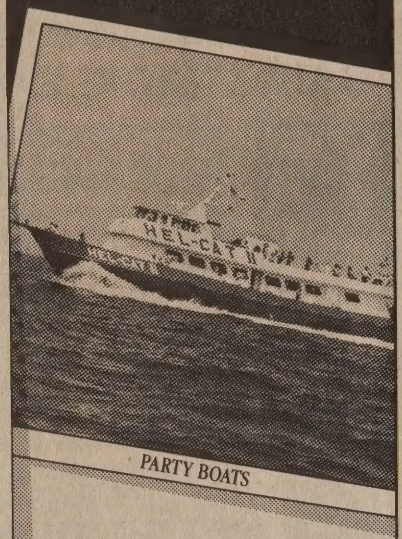
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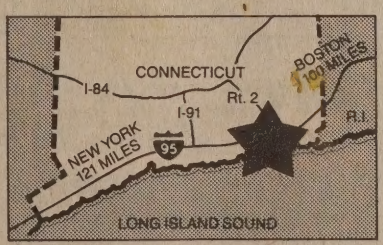

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The course will begin September 25th at 8PM at the East Islip High School. For more information, contact Eugene Capurso, Flotilla Public Education Officer, at 665-7366.

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Based on test results, PowerShield does not interfere with lubricant performance within specified tolerances, and can be used with qualified outboard motor lubricants. Fuel/oil ratios should be maintained according to engine manufacturers' recommendations.

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ditions. Engine performance deteriorates, eventually leading to engine failure—and costly replacement of the cylinder head.

NMFS MOVES

If you are having trouble locating the National Marine Fisheries Service in Washington, D.C., do not despair. Long a fixture in the Page 1 and 2 buildings, offices have been moved to 1825 Connecticut Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20235. New telephone numbers for individuals or departments may be obtained by calling (202) 443-8910.

BOATING COURSE IN SEAFORD

The Jones Beach Power Squadron will hold registration for their Fall Public Boating Course on Wednesday, September 17th at the Seaford Junior High School between the hours of 7PM and 9PM. The school is located on Washington Avenue (north of Sunrise Highway) in Seaford.

The first class will start on Wednesday, September 24th, 7:30 PM at the Seaford Jr. High School.

The course will consist of piloting, boat handling, marlinspike, basic navigation, equipment, regulations and safe operation, aids to navigation, weather and other related subjects.

All instruction is free, however, there is a nominal charge to cover costs including a 150 page student text/workbook, chart and other materials.

This course is the best way to learn safe boating from highly experienced instructors and is offered to adults as well as teenagers. In fact, bring the whole family.

JOHNSON PROTECTS SURF CLAMS

State Senator Owen H. Johnson (4th S.D., Babylon) announced that the Governor has signed into law his bill which authorizes the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to regulate the surf clam fishery in the Marine and Coastal District. Purpose of the new law is to preserve the area's clam resource.

In 1985, a new surf clam fishery developed in the eastern Long Island Sound. Approximately 292,000 bushels of clams, worth $1,753,170, were harvested in 1985. While the newly-discovered clam beds were seemingly endless, it quickly became apparent that the beds would be depleted, as up to 40 boats a day were working the Sound waters. Senator Johnson, who is Chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on the Long Island Marine District, introduced this legislation, which allows DEC to close certain beds in order to preserve the species.

DEC now has the authority to regulate open seasons, harvest areas, size limits, catch limits, manner of taking and possession, transportation, identification, sale and permit requirements for surf, sea, hen and skimmer

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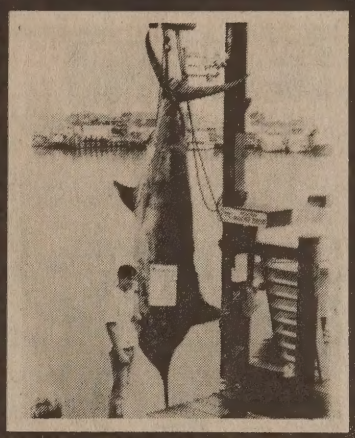

We'll it's a new year and the Montauk Monster Marlin Tournament is set for the week of September 8th - 12th (Mon. through Fri.)

Last year I sent out the challenge to come fish against me in the proving of the waters. I didn't give any of you enough notice last year, so this year I'm giving you plenty!

The fish in Montauk are truly Monsters. As I proved in the 1985 event. After only 3 hours of fishing I had an 835 lb. Blue Marlin in the cockpit. But I need help; these fish are brutes. I believe the ever elusive record fish is there waitng for me and I intend to catch her. So once again I challenge all the "Marlin Maniacs" to a "No Frills" largest Blue Marlin Tournament to be held at Montauk Marine Basin in Montauk, New York. I encourage the release of all Blue Marlin which are not in contention, so only the Monsters need be brought to the gaff.

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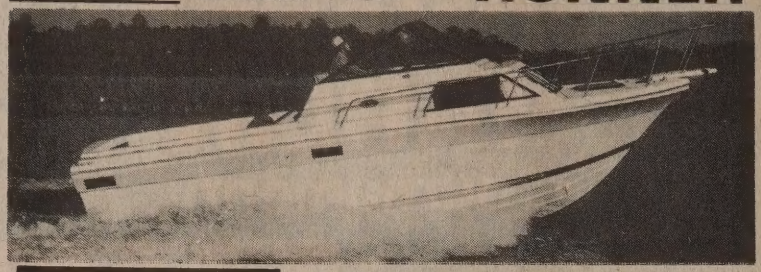

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At times like these, greater demands are made on our senses and navigation skills. So, don't be left at the dock. Be smart! Take a boating class today!

Plum Beach Power Squadron will be sponsoring a fall Basic Boating Class on Tuesdays at Kingsborough Community College at 8PM. All classes will start on September 16th and will be held in the Science Building, Room S-162.

To pre-register and reserve your seat in this ever popular class, call today. Contact Barry Babich, 1-718-667-5990 (24 hours, 7 days a week) or Guy Cargulia, 1-718-743-0779, evenings.

FISH AMERICA RELOCATING

The FishAmerica Foundation's board of directors at its July 30th meeting approved a resolution that will relocate its administrative offices from Tulsa, Oklahoma to the offices of the Sport Fishing Institute in Washington, D.C. in September, 1986.

"Engaging the administrative services of the Sport Fishing Institute enhances the FishAmerica Foundation's project review and evaluation capability while providing a closer working relationship with two other significant organizations working to improve sport fishing resources: the Sport Fishing Institute and the Sport Fishery Research Foundation," according to administrative director Jim Hubbard.

There is no change in the Foundation's charter which is to provide funding for action-oriented, grass roots projects aimed at preserving and enhancing our water and fisheries resources. The FishAmerica Foundation is supported by fishing tackle manufacturers, marine power and boat manufacturers, major retailers and wholesalers, as well as private foundations and private citizens concerned about natural resource protection and enhancement. The Foundation board of directors is responsisble for setting policy, determining grant recipients and garnering support for its funding program.

Closer involvement with the Sport Fishing Institute begins a new chapter in FishAmerica's life. The alliance demonstrates that three

separate entities can work in harmony towards a common goal and represents an important unification effort within the sport fishing community, Hubbard stated.

The new address for the Fish-America Foundation is 1010 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Suite 100, Washington, D.C. 20001 and more information can be obtained by writing Managing Director, Steve Moyer.

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Bob Ishkanian, President of Edelman's in Farmingdale, announces his engagement to the beautiful and charming "Codfish Cathy." Bob says he could only fall for a girl that can outfish him and "Codfish Cathy" fills the bill. We met Codfish Cathy at the N.Y. Boat Show and can say from firsthand knowledge that she's much too good for Bob. The sooner she realizes it, the better. Back out, Codfish Cathy, before it's too late!

U.S. NETS RECORD CATCH IN 1985

The Naitonal Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) reports that United States fishermen caught 3.2 billion pounds of fish in the U.S. fishery conservation zone (FCZ) in 1985, more than in any previous year. This is an increase of 9 percent over 1984.

Still, American fishermen took only 59 percent of all the fish caught in U.S. waters last year, and much of the recent shift of effort from foreign to domestic fishermen can be attributed to joint ventures, where U.S. fishermen sell their catch to foreign processing ships.

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Long Island is one of the best and largest boating areas in the country. The 1986 boating season has been marred with a number of accidents (some fatal) which could have been avoided. A knowledge of safe boating practices such as safe fueling procedures, rules of the road, limiting alcohol drinking and obeying speed limit signs could have made the season happier and safer.

Now is the time to prepare for a safe and enjoyable 1987 boating season. Sewanhaka Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons will again teach the Safe Boating Course for Power and Sail as part of the Adult Education Program at the following schools. Tuition is free with a small charge for course materials.

Elmont Memorial H.S., September 17, Wednesday; New Hyde Park H.S., September 18, Thursday; Sewanhaka H.S., September 18, Thursday; Oceanside H.S., September 22, Monday; Garden City H.S., October 1, Wednesday, Herricks Community Center, October 8, Wednesday.

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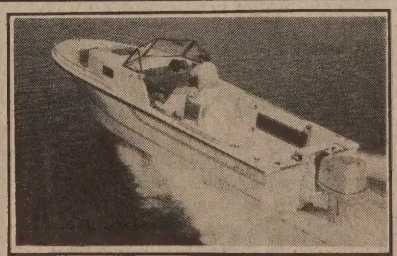

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BOATS FOR ANGLERS:

GRADY-WHITE 230 GULFSTREAM

by John Raguso

I first heard some rumors that the folks at Grady White had a new walk-around design on the drawing boards at the 1986 New York Boat Show, but getting the local reps to leak some information proved to be a totally fruitless endeavor. Understandably, when National Sales Manager, Jim Stoneman, called me back in May and mentioned they wanted me to evaluate, I was literally salivating like one of Dr. Pavlov's laboratory canines.

The drive to Greenville, North Carolina, seemed to take days instead of hours, but finally, after months of anticipation, I cast a glance at Grady White's latest offering. I could tell right away that this was not a typical Grady White product but somewhat of a moderately radical departure from their current line-up's traditional look and feel. There were narrow, slanted windows that gave you the impression of speed, even while sitting still at the dock. A functional fiberglass bow pulpit adorned the hull's nose, and a raised cabin dome forward of the windshield added countless square feet of interior living space, while not obstructing visibility.

The official specs of this craft are a 23' 5" centerline length by a 9' 3" beam, with the hull weighing in at a beefy 3,900 lbs. without power. The hull design is a 20 degree deadrise Vee at the transom with a deep, sharp entry forward and a pronounced Carolina bow flare to ensure a dry and comfortable ride.

The first thing I noticed when Grady White's President, Eddie Smith Jr., asked me to step aboard was that when he and I stood on one side of the boat with our collective weight in the neighborhood of 400 lbs., the hull remained on a dead even keel! This enviable stability is what a beamier hull will bring, as well as more weight below the waterline, where it will do the most good in taming a snarly sea.

The prototype boat I was testing was hull No. 1 out of the new mold, and the poewr format was their proprietary Grady Drive bracket bolted to a full transom. The selected power plant was a new 225 hp Johnson V-6 looper outboard, turning a 14" by 17" aluminum wheel.

In giving the vessel a thorough inspection, it was good to see that the finishing detail that has helped build the Grady White reputation for quality was still in evidence. All the teak woodwork fit evenly, and little items

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like flush mounted deck inspection hatches, recessed sternline cleats, and all stainless steel through-bolted hardware are nice touches. The snow white gel coat had absolutely no ripples or imperfections, and the hull and decks are constructed of 100 percent hand laid fiberglass with a completely self-bailing deck, mandating that all fish boxes and live wells drain overboard and not onto the deck or into the bilge. This is an important feature for those of you who venture offshore.

The 230 Gulfstream's deck is a true self-bailing design, as it is crowned in the middle with recessed side channels and raised slightly higher in the bow to promote draining out the aft scuppers while at rest. Under normal circumstances, water will not seep into the bilge from topsides, even in a rough sea, and that's an assurance all blue water fishermen can appreciate.

The weather on boat test day was perfect—for a baptism of fire, that it. A good 15 to 20 knot wind was blowing out of Pamlico Sound, and this had created tight two to three foot seas, the kind that jar the fillings out of your teeth if you are on the wrong hull. As I brought this "wide-body" platform up to 4,000 RPMs and headed her into the teeth of the wind, I knew that the engineers at Grady White had come up with a winner! The Gulfstream seemed like it just knocked the waves out of the way as it cut smoothly through this cross chop, no doubt due to its deep forefoot and extra weight below the waterline where it counts the most. I have spent many hundreds of hours on the various Grady White hulls with at least 300 hours on their 24' by 8' Offshore design, and I can say that the 230 Gulfstream is probably the smoothest riding and most stable of the entire line-up, rivaling even their 25 footer for this honor.

The single V-6 outboard seemed a little sluggish and I believe that either twin 140 OMCs, twin 135/150 Mercs, or dual 150 Yamaha's would provide the optimum performance setup, as well as a margin of safety.

The layout of this 23 footer is not just a rehash of older Grady White walkaround designs, but a completely new approach to functionality. You will be amazed at what Wiley Corbett and his engineers have packed into this compact, yet roomy craft. The cockpit boasts 26" of interior freeboard—just enough to be comfortably "thigh high" for most of us, plus an integral toe rail to keep you steady when landing the big ones. There's a 265 quart deep insulated fishbox under the starboard helm seat which drains overboard and a 130 quart raw water fed circular livewell under the port chair. There's absolutely no wasted space here, as even the area under these seats is used for lure and equipment storage, via intelligently designed tackle lockers with sliding drawers. There's a 7 inch step-up to the steering station and this extra height gives the helmsman a commanding view of the ocean before him. The Gulfstream also features a built-in, lockable fiberglass electronics storage cabinet that will house a Loran and VHF radio out of sight when you pack it in for the day, but in plain view when you are under way.

Strolling around the walkaround's perimeter, I noticed that the anchor locker incorporates a unique feature that holds the anchor in a special frame *below* the deck. When anchoring, you simply lift the flush mounted hatch, take the hook out of its cradle and toss it overboard, having complete access to the anchor line stored in this spacious interior well.

Taking two steps down into the cabin, another advantage of the wider beam becomes immediately obvious. There's room for an internal rack on the port side of the cabin that holds eleven 7-foot trolling rods with International type reels as secure as a vise. A horizontal tackle box shelf sits directly below this rod rack, and features additional storage via tackle drawers and recessed compartments.

The list of standard features on the 230 Gulfstream is a nautical mile long and includes hydraulic steering on the outboard models, four Lee's gun'l mounted rod holders, 148 gal. fuel capacity, cabin and cockpit cushions, dual automatic bilge pumps, saltwater washdown with hose, gunwale-mounted 8.5 gal. freshwater system, and much more.

As with all Grady White boats, the 230 Gulfstream features basic flotation, which gives the bluewater enthusiast a certain peace of mind when venturing to the distant 30 to 40 fathom waters, far out of sight of land. If you get the impression that I like this new 23 footer, you're right! I think that the Grady folks have almost invented a new evolutionary tree with this wide-beam 230 Gulfstream, and with the advent of most states adopting wider trailerable beam laws, many other boat builders will introduce these type of increased width hulls in future model years. However, Grady White has done it *now*, and you will probably be seeing a few of these 23s at the local hotspots over the next few months.

The Grady White 230 Gulfstream gives you a lot of bang for the buck and affords the mid-sized boater a rock solid, stable and roomy platform to go out where big fish roam and come back in one piece to tell the tale.

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SPECIFICATIONS

Length	23'5"
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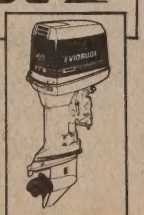

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★ PRODUCT REVIEW ★

SWITLIK RESCUE PLATFORM

by Gary Caputi

Safety at sea has long been a concern of fishermen who go to sea. Early seafarers had nothing to depend on but a small lifeboat; if the vessel they were sailing on was large enough to carry one. Hence, a lot of our ocean-going forefathers never came home after an accident, storm or sinking at sea. Luckily, things have come a long way on large ships and even on larger private vessels over the years.

But that concern about what will happen if your boat catches fire or sinks at sea is still valid for those anglers running offshore in small, cuddy and center console boats. Granted, Coast Guard regulations require the carrying of Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs), better known as life jackets, for everyone on board, no matter how small the boat. But what about early in the year when the water is cold and hypothermia can be the killer even if you are able to breathe and your head is kept afloat? Yes, the concern is still very real, but there are safety life rafts available.

The Switlik Parachute Company of Trenton, New Jersey has recently introduced a moderately priced raft they call a "Rescue Platform" that can hold up to 7 people and is at home even on small fishing craft. No longer is the center console or small cuddy cabin boat owner left with the worry of getting out of the water when running these small sportfishermen offshore for sharks or tuna as more and more anglers are doing over the last few years. This is a piece of safety equipment that has been long awaited by many fishermen.

The Switlik Parachute Company is a family owned business that has been developing and manufacturing safety equipment for the aircraft and marine industries since 1920. Now in its third generation, Richard Switlik, Jr. takes a lot of pride in the products he offers. I met Richard at the Clark's Landing Fish'n Fiesta in Point Pleasant, N.J. where he had donated one of his new Rescue Platforms as a prize. He felt it would be a good way to get some recognition for the product. The people at Clark's Landing, always conscious of safety for their boating customers and friends, were impressed enough by this product and the extra margin of safety it af-

ıorded the small boat owner, to stock the Rescue Platform and other Switlik life rafts upon being introduced to them.

Richard gave a demonstration of the "Soft Valise" model of the Rescue Platform, after the tournament awards presentations were over. He carried one of them into an open area of the crowd, where he gave a short talk on the unit's virtues. Then, after moving the crowd back to provide ample room, he pulled the cord on the Valise and presto, a 9' 6" octagonal-shaped inflated platform came out of the small package.

The platform popped out of a valise that was only 8 inches high, 13 inches wide and 24 inches long; small enough to easily stow almost anywhere on a center console or below decks on a cuddy cabin boat. It weighs only 40 lbs., total, easy enough for a child to break out and inflate. The platform is rated to hold 7 adults, but was tested by the FAA with 12 adults and it remained afloat and kept everyone out of the water. The buoyancy tube, the inflated section around the outside of the platform, is made of 400 denier nylon, with a polyurethane coating. It is tough material and will stand up to a lot of abuse without wear or puncturing.

The platform is reversible, meaning that no matter which side pops up in the water, everything on it is accessible. It has hand-holds sewn in all round the inside, so you can't be thrown from it in rough water. In addition, the platform contains pockets which hold all of the following survival equipment: CO2 inflation system; interior and exterior grasp lines; static mooring line; two over-pressure relief valves; two water activated locator lights; heaving ring and rope; sea anchor; floating safety knife; three day/night U.S.C.G. approved distress flares; an emergency flag; whistle; repair kit; hand pump and manual inflation and deflation valves.

Quite an impressive safety package in a very small bag. No wonder Richard is proud of the products he designs and manufactures. By the way, if you are wondering just how well made these are, the FAA approves and requires them on many types of commercial aircraft. Even the valise that houses the platform is polyurethane coated, abrasion resistant nylon, so it will keep the valuable safety equipment inside in top condition to be ready at a moment's notice if, God forbid, you should ever need it.

In addition to Soft Valise Rescue Platform (MRP-10S) there is a fiberglass contained model for outside storage on cuddy cabins or larger boats (MRP-10H). Switlik also manufactures a complete line of life rafts and survival equipment for larger boats.

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THE TACKLE DOCTOR

by Russ Wilson

Dear Doc,

My question concerns tying on of terminal tackle. In regard to the Bimini Twist, once it is made, are both strands of the now doubled line passed through the eye of the lure and then tied on or is the line passed through the eye of the lure and then the Bimini tied? Also, I read that when rigging for blues (slammers) that 80 to 100 lb. test leaders should be used. I have tried tying on diamond jigs with surgical tube lures above them with 80 lb. test line. This line is so stiff it seems nearly impossible to tie a good knot.

Any pointers would be most appreciated. *E.C. Domako.*

Dear E.C.:

The object of using a Bimini Twist is to double the breaking strength of your running line. The line is first doubled and then the Bimini tied to form a length of double line that has twice the breaking strength of a single strand of the same test line. Once you have tied the Bimini you can then tie in a short length of leader material (when using light line for casting or jigging) or tie the offshore knot and then attach a length of leader material when seeking big game fish that require stout tackle but are keen-eyed and wary of bulky terminal rigs.

We use the Bimini for most inshore and offshore situations. When fishing inshore we'll normally use a short leader, say three to five feet, between the doubled line and the lure. This is tied in with a Surgeon's knot (single or double, as you desire) and then the lure or hook is attached directly to the leader. You can substitute a snap or snap swivel at the business end of the leader, but for most of our fishing we prefer to tie the lure directly to the leader so there is less bulk to our rig.

You are correct in stating that 80 or 100 lb. test leader material is stiff. You cannot tie a good knot in the heavy material if you use the standard six times around clinch knot. Most experienced fishermen use only three turns and then draw the knot tight as possible by hand. Once the knot is tight, they will use pliers to lock the knot.

The loop knot, which you are using to attach a surgical tube lure above the diamond jig should be treated the same way. Use less turns forming the loop and then draw it tight by hand. With the heavier leaders the knot should hold even though it is not tightened completely. One point, when tying any monofilament knot, it is to your benefit that it be drawn as tight as possible to keep it from slipping. Most knot failures are a direct result of incorrectly tied knots and the main reason is generally due to not getting the turns of the knot locked tight. As the knot slips, it heats up and causes the line to "burn" which weakens it sufficiently for it to break under pressure.

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Dear Doc,

I am just getting into saltwater fishing after spending most of my life fishing the freshwaters. I am really hot on the idea of catching bottom fish. I hope to fish for porgies, sea bass and blackfish this fall and to try for whiting, ling, codfish and pollock during the winter season.

What I'd like are some tips on what hooks to use, the type rod I'll need, what pound test line and an idea of what baits are the best for each species of fish.

This is a big order, I know, but any information you can offer will be greatly appreciated. *Alex Cooper.*

Dear Alex,

You'll do well fishing the saltwaters. Most of the freshwater fishermen we've known who made the switch to saltwater were more aware of what was happening as far as looking for structure, watching current movements, knowing where and when to look for fish under varying conditions and having the patience to wait out a fish that they knew was within their grasp.

You cannot tackle all the species you mention with just one specific outfit. Codfish and pollock are generally found in deeper waters where tidal flow or wind may dictate a sinker of up to a pound or more. These fish also attain heavyweight proportions and to fight them up from the bottom you'll need a rod that has the necessary backbone. It is not at all uncommon to use a 16 oz. sinker and two whole clams when working over deep water codfish habitat. That requires strong tackle and occasion-

ally lines testing out at 40 to 60 pound. As a rule, we'll carry 5/0 to 7/0 short shank beak style hooks when bait fishing for cod or pollock, and we'll also have some heavy diamond or Vike type jigs for those times when the fish want to smack an artificial lure rather than eat a bait.

Sea bass, porgies, blackfish can be taken from relatively shallow inshore waters. These fish inhabit wrecks, rocky bottom grounds and other natural or man-made structure. You won't need tackle that is quite as heavy as that used when fishing the deep for cod or pollock, but you will need a rod that can muscle fish out from the wrecks and up to the surface. Most experienced bottom fishermen go wth 20 or 30 pound test mono or dacron and a medium weight spinning or casting rod that can handle 3 to 8 oz. sinkers. This is actually a 12 to 20 pound class rod but instead of being built for trolling, it is constructed with aluminum oxide or ring guides and does not have a gimbal butt. Most any conventional type casting reel or spinning reel that will hold a couple hundred yards of line will fill the bill nicely.

You will be using bait for those porgies, sea bass and tautog. The porgy has a rather small mouth. Many porgy fishermen find a #2 or 1/0 hook is best for average size porgies. The sea bass has a huge mouth and can easily inhale large baits. We've used long shank 4/0 hooks, but would recommend a hook style that is similar to the one used when fishing for porgies.

Porgies and sea bass will eat sea worms, strips of clam, pieces of squid and occasionally will grab a fiddler or green crab if nothing else is readily available.

We are partial to blackfish (tautog) and put in a lot of time fishing the inshore structure during May, June, September, October and November. It is our personal opinion that the blackfish is one of the hardest saltwater fish to catch and we feel anyone who fishes the salt ought to give these fish a try. They fight hard and eat real good.

For the blackfish you'll need a supply of fiddler or green crab, maybe some clams and sea worms. The fiddler and green crabs are the hottest baits, but occasionally they are not readily available and we'll go with the clam or sea worms.

Blackfishermen have all kinds of specialized rigging and hook setups. Many of the long time tog anglers will use only the #4 through #7 Virginia style hook. Others go with the Pacific bass model and still others find the short shank beak style hook in a #1 or 1/0 is the ticket to success.

And, finally, go fishing. You won't become proficient at any type of bottom fishing if you don't put in the time. The more often you fish the greater knowledge you will gain. That's why most of the real good bottom fishermen are anglers who are out on the water several days a week.

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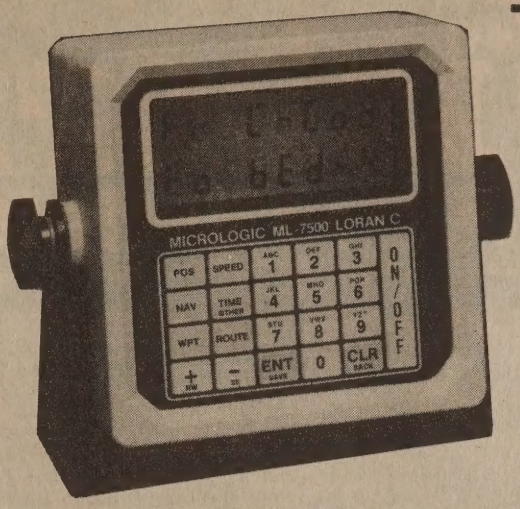

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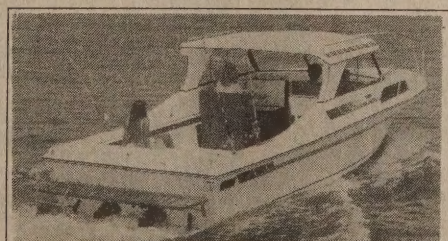

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THE Fisherman SPORT FISHING FUND

by Fred Golofaro

Many of you are already aware of The Fisherman Sport Fishing Fund through your participation in various Fisherman sponsored fishing derbies. Monies collected in entry fees from the likes of the Captree and Moriches Fluke and Flounder Derbies, as well as the Surf Bluefish Derby are channelled into the Fund. All of the proceeds from these derbies, excepting the cash prizes awarded at each event, go into the Sport Fishing Fund. To date, these derbies have raised approximately $8,000.

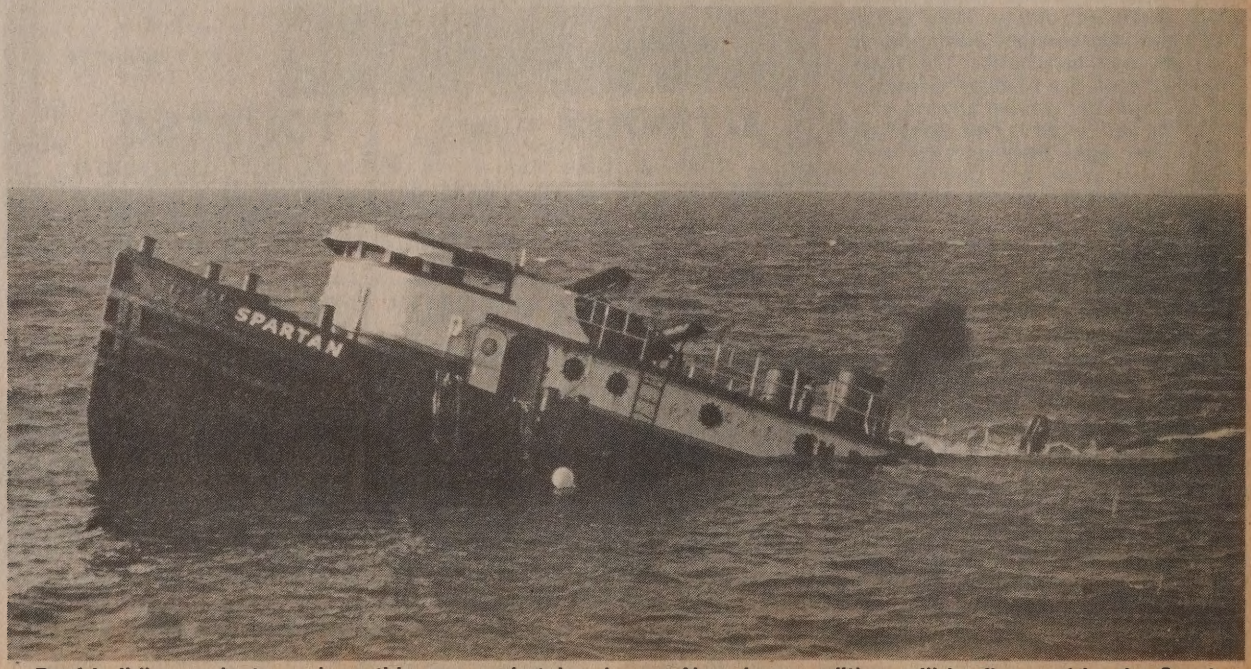
This is a great opportunity for all anglers to "put their money where their mouth is." Many of us have complained about specific needs for the recreational fishing sector. Now, with the cooperation of local, state and federal agencies, we have the ability to wholly or partially fund some of these needs. In some cases, matching government funds will be available.

There is a growing trend in government for special interest groups to help finance their own special projects, whether it be through licensing, permit fees, access fees or private funding. The Sport Fishing Fund will help us to accomplish some projects that we might otherwise never get off the drawing board.

Among the potential uses for the fund are reef construction, improved access and fisheries research. Already, money from the fund has been used to assist in the construction of beach access at Gilgo Beach. Three fish cleaning stations are slated for completion during September. One will be located at Captree State Park on Fisherman's Walk and will serve transient boatmen, pier fishermen and surf fishermen. Two stations are being installed at the Jones Beach Piers to help meet the needs of anglers fishing at this popular location.

Any written suggestions concerning the needs for a particular area are welcomed and encouraged. The more suggestions we get, the better, as they will help us target projects that will serve a useful and practical purpose. Keep in mind too, that as participation in these derbies grows, so grows the fund. So get involved—enter these derbies and at the same time, you'll be helping improve your favorite sport.

If these contests are not your cup of tea, you can help by simply donating any sum you like. Checks should be made out to The Fisherman Sport Fishing Fund and mailed to The Fisherman, P.O. Box 1994, Bridge Street, Sag Harbor, NY 11963. Anyone donating a minimum of two dollars will be mailed a Sport Fishing Fund bumper sticker that will identify you as someone who sincerely cares about the future of fishing on Long Island and in the Metropolitan Area.



Reef building projects such as this one, undertaken by our New Jersey edition, will be financed by the Sport Fishing Fund.

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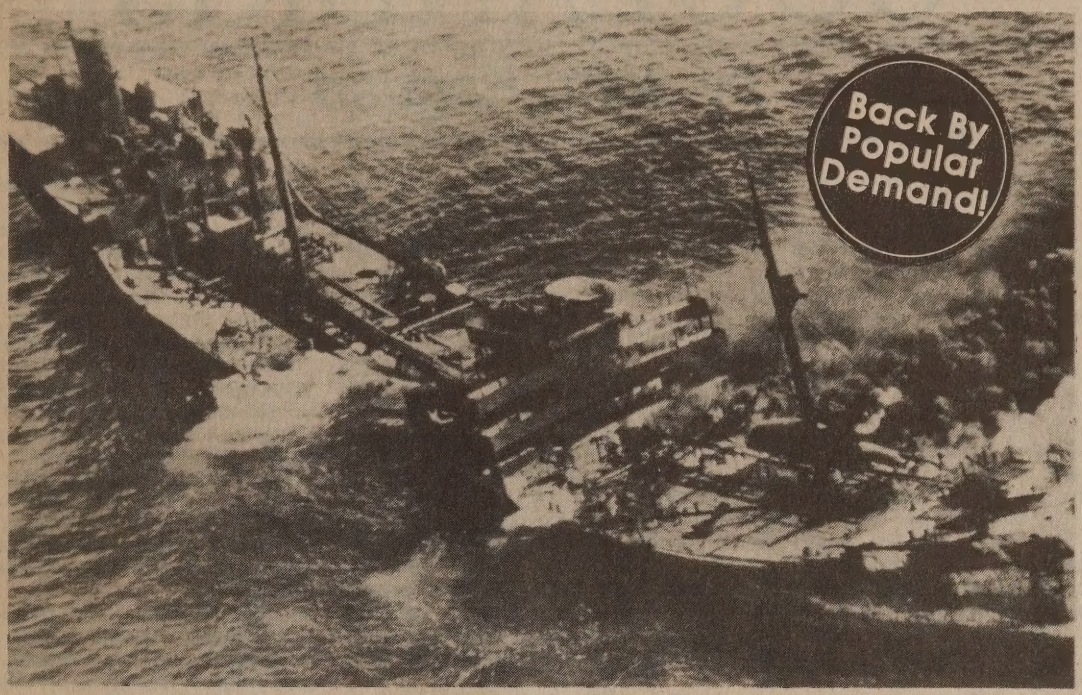

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ATLANTIC WRECK SERIES:

THE IONNIS P. GOULANDRIS

by John Raguso

Buried in the dark abyss of the deep trench that lies between the New Jersey Coast and Long Island's south shore, is a large steel vessel that for many years was one of the many "unknown" wrecks that dot the sea bed of the New York Bight. For over three decades, knowledgeable charter skippers have plied this wreck dubbed "The Junior" for various species of groundfish, such as cod, pollock and hake, but the prime attraction these last few years is the giant bluefin tuna that come to feed off this unintended fish haven in the fall of each year. The Junior, as well as her neighboring sister wreck the Arundo, which we covered last week, are two of the more notorious fish attracting magnets of the famed Mud Hole West. Some others like the Choappa and the Ayuruoca (Oil Wreck) will be covered in next season's installment of the Atlantic Wreck Series.

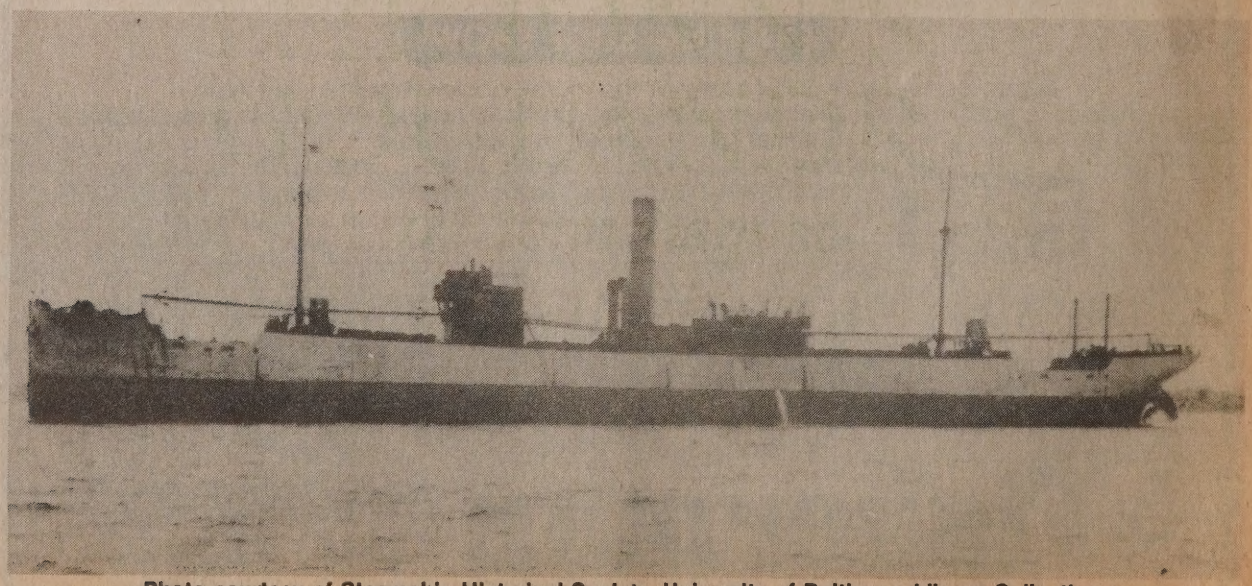
It wasn't until December of 1973 that the identity of the Junior wreck was finally discovered by a team of dedicated and courageous scuba divers who were intent on solving this myster.

Gary Gentile and Thomas Roach, two of the East Coast's most famous divers and wreck historians, embarked on Captain George Hoffman's dive boat Sea Lion out of Brielle, New Jersey. Although the life of the deep diver is a specialty which demands careful attention to the most minor detail and where any unforeseen problem in the 160 to 190 foot depths can be a fatal one, their descent on the Junior went smoothly and according to plan. They and their team successfully located and removed the helm of the mysterious freighter from 32 fathoms of water and were able to trace the vessel's lineage from this strategic discovery. After the steering stand was cleaned off, the manufacturer's legend read, "Robert Roger & Co., Stockton On Tees." This item proved to be irrefutable evidence that the vessel known for over 33 years as the Junior, was in fact the sunken freighter Ionnis P. Goulandris, which was reported as missing after a collision with another Allied steamship back in December of 1942. The Goulandris was actually the third name bestowed on this freighter since her keel was laid back in 1910, and she was originally known as the British steamer Eggesford. Her second title was the Maria Stathatos, then finally the I.P. Goulandris.

Since the Goulandris foundered late in 1942, there was not a great deal of information to be found through normal channels. The New York Times had no mention of her sinking or collission at all, as it came after the mandate of the Secretary of the Navy stating that all news of shipping activity would be blacked-out due to national security reasons. None of the shipwreck history books had any detailed account of the Goulandris' sinking and even many of the files of the wreck historians drew a complete blank. However, the comprehensive data bank of Pennsylvania diver/author Bill Davis had some details of the event, and he was kind enough to share them with us for our coverage of the story.

The following information was taken from "Enemy Action and Distress Diary" of the Eastern sea frontier, dated December 1, 1942, 2223 hours, EWT: "SS Ionnis P. Goulandris (Greek) and SS Intrepido (Panamanian) collided off Ambrose Flashing White Buoy. Later position corrected to 40-15.00 North; 73-45.00 West, about 11 miles East of Asbury Park, New Jersey.

"The Goulandris reported making water and requesting immediate assistance. Coast Guard dispatched



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motor life boats and two 83 foot boats to the scene.

"Coast Guard tugs Mahoning and Navesink ordered also to the scene. Both tugs searched Ambrose Channel and returned. Tug Mahoning was ordered to correct position and proceeded. Salvage vessel Accelerate also ordered to scene. Tug Josehp H. Moran was intercepted and directed to proceed. Mahoning later reported to Captain of the Port: 'One engine disabled, do not know when we will reach destination'."

Ironically, on this same declassified report that had the mention of the Goulandris, there was also some data on the wreck of the Norwegian freighter Bidevind, which has been sunk by a German U-Boat a few months earlier in the neighborhood of the ruins of the Texas Tower. This is a very productive fish haven that we will discuss in greater detail in next year's weekly Atlantic Wreck Series. The report of some enemy action was submitted by the Lakehurst Naval air station, and they detailed the following intercept: "Escorts from GN 22 reported good contact in 39-48 North; 72-45 West, about 55 miles east of Barnegat. K-7 dropped 4 depth charges on moving oil slick. No visible damage. DD and PC attacking. The wreck of the Bidevind charted in 39-48 North; 72-53 West."

What all this tech-talk means is that one patrol plane had a strong visual contact with an underwater object that appeared to emit a moving oil slick, so the aircraft identified only as K-7 dropped four depth charges on this suspected German submarine with no apparent results. Two surface vessels were closing in for the attack, hoping to establish some sort of positive sonar contact with the intruder.

A favorite ploy of the U-Boat Commanders during their inshore raiding parties on Allied shipping was to evade detection by laying close to known shipwrecks to confuse the sonar devices on the American patrol craft. The U.S. Navy and Coast Guard defenders became aware of this charade after after awhile and proceeded to drop their depth charges over any metallic contact that they would come across, thereby reducing the high profiles of some of these shipwrecks to piles of rubble.

A second passage from the "Enemy Action and Distress Diary" dated December 2, 1942 states, "Our 2223 hours, EAD December 1 reported collision of Ionnis P. Goulandris and Intrepido. It was later reported that Ionnis P. Goulandris may have sunk, as lights which were left at masthead were seen to disappear. Entire crew of 31 rescued by Intrepido."

When she met her untimely fate, the Goulandris was on a voyage from Hampton Roads, Virginia to Searsport, Maine with a cargo of coal.

From a fishing perspective, the Junior is in an interesting spot on the edge of the Mud Hole's deepest section, so it should get a fair amount of attention from the pelagic species that pass through the area on their migrations. In striking contrast, the wreck of the Pinta, which we covered earlier this season, is but a mere 3½ miles away to the northeast and it sits in only 85 to 90 feet of water, so you see that the bottom starts to drop off fairly rapidly in this locale.

I've talked to two divers who've visited the Goulandris and each had something different to say about it. Diver Bill Davis claimed that the time he and some buddies visited the wreck, there were a few sharks of unknown species swimming near its perimeter. Pete Guglieri of the Atlantic Wreck Divers Club mentioned that there is a great deal of mud and silt over the wreck and that it's sitting upright and partially buried in the muddy sea bed. He did not notice an overabundance of fish activity on his dive, but did comment on the excessive amount of fishing line and mesh nets which are hung-up on the wreck, thereby booby-trapping it for both unsuspecting fish and divers.

This location will have its share of groundfish such as pollock, hake and cod and it is on these species which the giant tuna conduct their fall feasting ritual. Although the 180 to 190 foot depths will tax your skills as a bottom fishermen, it can be done, ad demonstrated by those eastern Long Island anglers who ply the rusting hulk of the Coimbra located in a mere 186 feet. Considering the productivity of some neighboring shallower wrecks for this type of groundfishing, I would think you might save a trip to the Junior specifically for the giants. As an aside, don't forget to bring a healthy supply of anchor line and an oversized hook if you have one. I've heard many a lament over the VHF where anglers intent on chunking the bluefins at this location could not hold bottom because they didn't have enough scope on their anchor rode. Remember, in the chunking routine you'd like to hold your position so that the fish will come up to your boat and this is difficult to accomplish if you are dragging your anchor across the bottom of the Mud Hole like you were plowing a cornfield. Bring along at least an 800' shot of anchor line a big tub, to facilitate returning the rode at the end of the day's fishing.

That's going to be it for the New York Bight wrecks until next season. The remaining weeks in this year's Atlantic Wreck Series will cover shipwrecks in the Long Island Sound and also out east by Block Island. Accordingly, next week's installment will investigate a vessel that was sent to the bottom south of Block Island during top secret aerial bombardment tests at the close of the Second World War. She's the wreck of the U.S.S. Bass.

THE IONNIS P. GOULANDRIS
Vital Statistics

Date Sunk: December 1, 1942
Year Built: 1910 by Robert Roger & Co., Stockton England
Length: 362 feet
Width: 51 feet
Displacement: 3,750 gross tons, 2,223 net tons
Type of Vessel: Freighter
Hull Construction: Steel
Hull Condition: Intact and upright, slightly submerged into a mud bottom.
Depth of Water: 185 feet
Depth Over Wreck: 140 to 150 feet
Lat/Lon Position: 40-15.33 N/73-46.00 W
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Sandy Hook	17.5	154°	334°
Shark River Inlet	11.7	082°	262°
Manasquan Inlet	15.0	065°	245°
Barnegat Inlet	33.0	039°	219°

SOME "GIANT" TIPS

by Pete Barrett

A pair of sharpies with nearly 400 giants to their credit, reveal how they do it.

Giant bluefin tuna are special fish. They grow to huge size but they are relatively few in number along the Atlantic Coast. This lack of abundance but huge size blend together to make the giant bluefin tuna one of the most challenging of big game fish to catch. Hooking into one giant in a season is a goal many tuna fanatics never reach and the top producing captains along the coast are glad to get two to three dozen fish in a season.

Bob Lake, my son Rich and I had the good fortune to spend two days fishing with two captains who are among the elite of the giant bluefin fraternity: Captain Bob Pisano and Captain Gary Kannel. Together they make up the partnership and fishing team that operate a 36 Runaway appropriately named "Tuna Hunter."

And hunt tuna they do—from Massachusetts and Rhode Island, to Montauk's Butterfish Hole, to the New Jersey Mud Hole they spend the entire season hunting for the elusive giant tuna. Bob and Gary average over 20 giants a season. Bob's lifetime total with over 20 years with giants is currently at 357 and between the two captains their combined total is approaching the 400 mark.

Their techniques remain similar when fishing from the stretch of coast that takes them from Nomans off the Vineyard and on south to the Mud Hole with only minor variations to account for daily changes in current or other water conditions.

Three rods and reels are used: all 12/0 Standard Fin-Nors with built-in selection of either 1 to 1 or 2 to 1 gear ratios. One hundred thirty pound test Cortland Micron dacron line is the main fishing line, but instead of a double line, 175 pound test US Line Company dacron is spliced at the end of the Micron. A Uni-Knot is used to attach the line to the snap.

Leaders will vary in pound test from 200 to 400 lb. depending on water conditions and how wary the fish seem to be. There are times when lighter leaders are the only way to go as the giants shun heavier, more obvious leaders.

Hooks run in size from 8/0 at the smallest to 12/0 at the largest. The actual choice of the size hook used on any given day depends on the size of the bait used. Butterfish are overpowered by a 12/0 and don't look natural in the slick, while an 8/0 in a whole mackerel is way undersized for an effective hook-up.

Whatever hook size you settle on, the style hook should have an offset. Bob Pisano prefers the Mustad 7698B with a slight bend added to these usually straight shanked hooks. He bends them in a vise, but a word of caution: too much bending can weaken the hook. If you do this, add only a slight bend to retain all the

strength of the hook. The offset hook point, of course, penetrates much more easily when bait fishing than a hook with no offset. Some anglers use the #7699 Mustad shark hook and while this style hook is okay for sharks and tuna up to medium size, Bob and Gary don't feel it has the strength for giants.

Baits run the gamut from butterfish, bunker, ling, whiting and mackerel. While fishing out of Point Judith in the summer months, mackerel and butterfish are favored. In late summer and early fall in the Mud Hole, a wider variety of baits is used. The giants can, and do, frequently show a preference for one bait over another so it can pay to present more than one kind of bait in the pattern.

With an ideal current that takes both the chum chunks away from the stern of the boat, three rods can be fished. One bait is dropped down about 50 feet and is fished in close to the boat. A second bait is dropped down from a float to a depth of about 100 feet. The float is positioned about 30 to 50 feet from the boat. A third bait is dropped down 150 feet.

While many giant tuna fishermen simply leave their baits at these measured depths, Bob and Gary prefer to use the deep bait as the "working" bait, continually drifting the bait back into the slick, then slowly pulling it hand over hand back to the boat. This constant, but slow, drop down and retrieve adds some motion to the bait, makes it look natural in the slick and covers every foot of feeding depth from a few feet below the surface to the deep 150 feet.

To work the bait, have a 5 gallon bucket filled with water and placed on the deck right next to the rod. Pull out 150 feet of line and let the line fall neatly into the bucket. Now pay out the bait slowly a few feet at a time until all the line is out and the bait reaches 150 feet. Slowly handline the bait back to the boat making sure the line gets dropped neatly into the water bucket.

The working rod can be dangerous if you aren't careful. A giant has a lot of power and could literally yank an angler overboard if the line got wrapped around a foot, leg or hand. Bob told us a wild story about one angler who didn't think bluefin could fight well. At the hook-up this crazy angler grabbed the line and wrapped it several times around his body bracing himself for the line to come tight to fight his catch toe to toe as if on a hand line. The outcome is obvious to anyone who has caught giant tuna. When the line came tight, the angler promptly got yanked overboard and went for a swim. All Bob saw were the soles of his shoes as he went over the gun'ls! Fortunately, the angler became unwrapped as soon as he hit the water and was saved, but this show-off could have ended up as crab bait.

The strategy of giant tuna fishing starts with finding a likely spot to fish.

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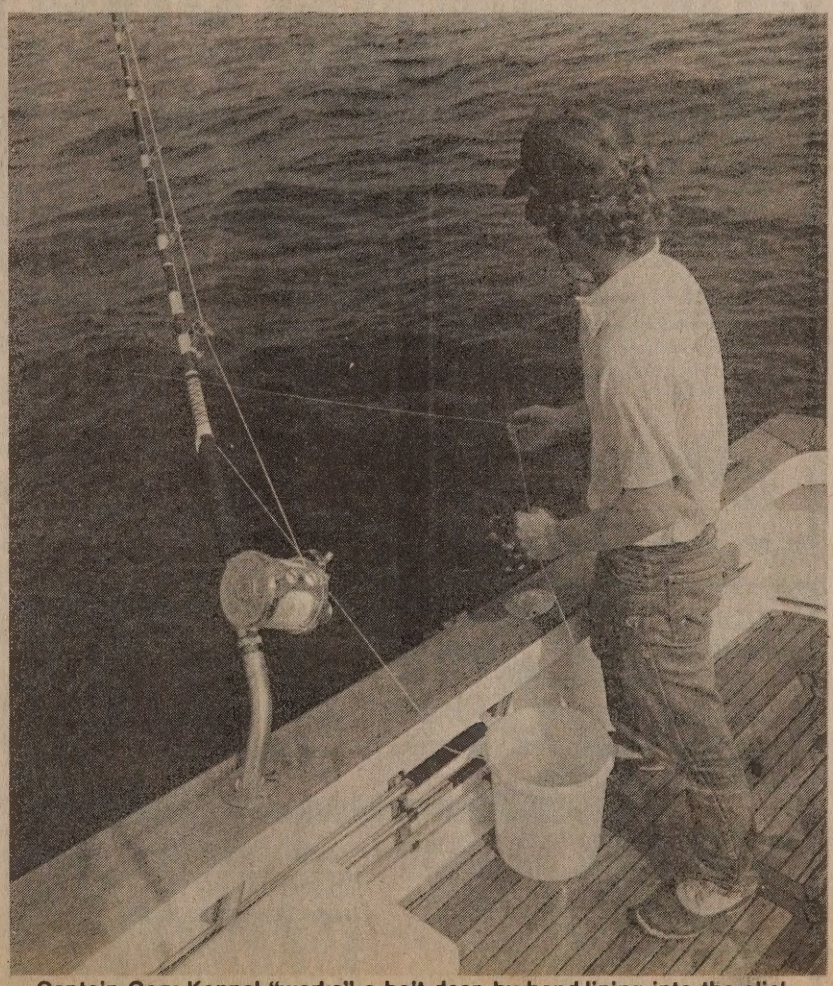
Rigged butterfish bait with Mustad 7698B hook. Sinker is optional depending on current. Rigging floss ties mouth shut.



Captain Gary Kannel "works" a bait deep by hand-lining into the slick, then slowly retrieving back to boat.

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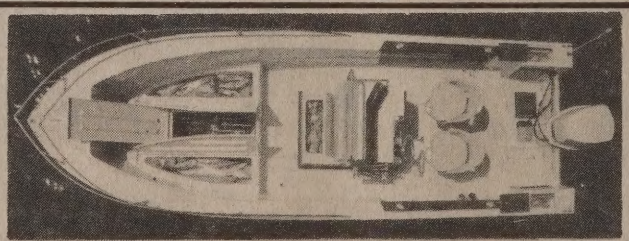

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Once in position near the structure, the boat is anchored using 400 to 600 feet of anchor line, depending on the actual depth of the water. Bob uses an oversize anchor with twice the length of chain to be sure of solidly hooking up on the bottom. The anchor line is rigged with a large float ball and a release clip so the boat can drop off the anchor line while fighting a big fish. Later when the fish is boated, you go back and retrieve the anchor, ball and line.

A slick is built by chunking with butterfish or bunker cut into halves and tossed into the current with a calculated rhythm. Three to four chunks are tossed in and watched until they just disappear from view, then another four chunks are dropped into the slick. Bob feels this rhythm is very important to not only attracting fish to the slick but in getting them to eat the baited rigs.

At all times while chunking, the decks are clear of loose tackle, buckets, bait or other gear. When giant tuna fishing is slow it is easy to get lulled into a lazy, relaxed attitude, but when the hook-up comes, everything must be in its place and ready so there's no second guessing about gaffs, ropes or harpoons while fighting the fish.

Giants are fought from the fight chair. Bob and Gary have installed a Murray Brothers large tuna chair on their Runaway and it does the job. The angler gets in the chair sitting on a fanny bucket and uses his legs to slide his butt back and forth in the chair to work the fish. Pushing back with your legs gains a foot or two of line; sliding forward in the chair allows that line to get spooled back onto the reel. Depending on the size of the fish, the battle can take a half hour to over an hour.

At boatside, one man leaders the fish while the second man sticks the fish with a harpoon dart-type gaff. The dart gaff penetrates more readily and preserves as much meat as possible, allowing a head shot with the dart.

A few words cannot hope to translate 20 years of giant tuna knowledge, but perhaps this short story will have provided some insight into the methods used by Captains Pisano and Kannel to help them be among the top giant tuna fishermen along the coast.

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SOPHISTICATED SNAPPERING

by Fred Golofaro

Here are some new pitches that are sure to liven up your snapper game.

One of the greatest appeals of snapper fishing is perhaps its simplicity. For an adult especially, a return to those youthful days spent intently eyeing a bobber, is a refreshing change from the sophisticated approach that many of us apply to other forms of angling these days. But, as nostalgic and relaxing as this form of snapper fishing may be, it can become a tad monotonous, and even border on boring at times. And if putting away a bunch of snappers for the dinner table is your goal, then quite simply, there are better ways to do it.

If you're looking to add a new dimension to your snapper fishing, then there is no better time to do it than now. The baby blues have been fattening up in canals, creeks and rivers for most of the summer and fish of 8 to 10 inches are the norm, rather than the exception in September. These larger fish will aggressively strike artificials and provide some scrappy resistance to ultra-light or light weight spinning tackle.

Far and away the most entertaining way to catch snappers is with the use of a "snapper popper rig." This method provides the thrills of surface strikes as fish rise to the commotion of the popper before striking a small trailing tube lure. Poppers can be your standard popping plugs in the smaller sizes or they can be fashioned at home out of cork or a wood dowel. One commercially made rig available at many local tackle shops is the Sea Strike Snapper Popper, manufactured by Sea Mar Tackle in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Its popper is wide mouthed and of foam construction and it really kicks up a fuss. It drives snappers wild. Simply pop it along the surface at a moderate rate of retrieve and the baby blues will do the rest.

While a small 2 inch surge tube lure set 30 inches behind the popper is standard fare on these rigs, there are other variations. Some folks like to replace the tube lure with a small white bucktail or feather teaser, but

be prepared to replace these regularly as the teeth of these little scrappers will make short work of them.

If you're one of those people who is just more comfortable using bait, so be it. Simply attach a small duo lock snap to the aft end of your leader and a long shank #6 snapper hook to it. When baiting with spearing or sand eels, remove the hook from the snap, insert the eye of the hook into the bait's vent. Push the shank through the body and out the mouth before replacing the hook on the snap. Twist the bait a half turn and push the hook point through the bait near the tail. This final step will lock the bait in place and keep it from sliding down the shaft.

Just like their elders, snappers will at times prefer a bait or lure presented down deep near the bottom and this is where metal lures and spoons will draw the most strikes.

In my book, there is no better lure for snappers than the Sidewinder in a silver finish and in 1/4 or 1/2 ounce sizes. An interesting note is that there are several cheap imitations that look very similar on tackle shop shelves. I haven't yet figured out why, but I can tell you not to waste your money on them. They don't work nearly as well. Another metal lure that has proven itself over the years is the Johnson Sprite and many people swear by this spoon for their snapper fishing.

In order to fish these lures properly, you'll need a rubber core sinker or a Bead Chain drail rigged 18 to 24 inches ahead of the lure. Weight will vary depending on where you're fishing but 1/2 to 3/4 ounce sizes are usually adequate in most areas. When you make your cast, give the rig a couple of seconds to sink before beginning your retrieve. Keep your rod tip pointed down at the water and use a fast retrieve.

The use of bait can also be applied to this technique with often outstanding results. Simply replace the Sidewinder with a single or double bladed spinner to which you attach the same long shank snapper hook we mentioned earlier. Repeat the baiting procedure and apply the same techniques as when using the lure. The only change might be in the rate of retrieve.

Over the past two seasons, I have experimented with some other novel approaches to the snapper game. Among them, the use of miniature popping plugs and tiny leadhead jigs. Both methods produced some token fish but not with the consistency of the time proven methods we've already discussed.

I think, too, that it's only fair to admit that while snapper fishing rekindles many pleasant youthful memories for me, the real motivation is to provide those same memories for my young sons. And lest you think this "sophisticated snappering" is for adults only, my five-year-old is now adamant about catching his snappers on the popper rig. So much for tradition.

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THE GREGARIOUS PORGY

Part Two — *by Matt Ahern*

Bay porgies make up the bulk of Long Island's inshore fishery during the summer months.

Last week we discussed methods used to catch sea porgies in the deep, offshore waters. Emphasis was placed on wreck fishing. If this article was overlooked, you may secure a copy by ordering. Information for ordering is on Page 3 of this issue.

Except for the temporary residence of large sea porgies making their annual spawning run into Peconic Bay in early May, most inshore waters produce smaller porgies for summertime anglers. There are two sizes available: the small, pesty, bait-stealing sand porgy, and the larger, more desired scrapper known by most fishermen as bay porgy. These weigh from one-half to one pound and are the target of many anglers.

Tackle required for bay porgy is no great problem. Any type will work—even a handline. But unless the proper tackle is used, there won't be much fun in the catching. A light spinning outfit with a reel capable of holding 100 yards of 10 lb. test monofilament line is ideal and will enable fishermen to milk the sport to the nth degree.

A light boat rod (conventional type) can be used too, but if you intend to fish from shore, you'll find spinning tackle the better choice; with it you'll have little trouble casting to the deeper areas. This is important, for such spots are better porgy producers.

Rigging for bay porgy is easily accomplished. As most bay porgy fishing is done over hard, packed sand, it is best to use a tandem rig. This allows two hooks to lie flat out on bottom where they must be to do the most good.

It is surprising how many anglers, some with years of experience behind them, find it difficult to tie a tandem rig. Over the years I've shown generations of fishermen how to do this. Some fellows pick it up immediately, others succeed on the first try and then have trouble the next time around. This is something I can't understand simply because it is very easy to do.

The best hook(s) to use when tandem tying for bay porgies is the #6 regular shank Sproat, or the #8 Virginia style (also called the blackfish hook).

You'll need two hooks of your choice to tandem-tie. Fold the snell of one hook at its middle and run this fold through the knotted loop of the second hook. Then take this second hook and pass it through the fold of the first hook and secure with a common overhand knot. It is simple and easy to do, taking but seconds. Practice a few times before you go fishing and you'll be able to do it blindfolded.

The rig should be placed about two inches above a one or two ounce bank sinker, using either a 1/0 three-way swivel or a one inch loop made with a double-overhand knot. The choice is yours. (If porgy fishing over a wreck, dispense with the swivel—it fouls too easily.) If the area you intend fishing is known for fast currents, the use of a three-way swivel will prevent line twist.

For shore casting you can use a sinker snap and combine both sinker and rig. You'll lose some of the sensitive feel needed for porgy fishing, but it does put your hooks where you want them. This is a good trick to use on windy days when casting is the only way to get to the fish. You'll know, too, that your hooks aren't wrapped around the main line. (This works exceptionally well with flounder.)

There are several baits you can use, some more productive than others. Sea porgies dote on skimmer clam and their smaller brethren are no exception. But for all-around, fish catching ability, nothing will put bay porgies in the bucket as quickly as sandworm. Bloodworm will do the trick, too, but not as well as sandworm. To bait up with worm, use a two inch piece and pass the hook completely through and bring it about about a third of an inch from the end. Don't overlook doing this. When the porgy nips at the worm end, the hook is automatically taken and hooking becomes easier.

Skimmer clam, hard clam (chowder) and soft clam (steamer) have lured many a bay porgy into the skillet. Hard and soft clam are easily obtained at fish markets, but if you purchase frozen skimmer, **make sure** it doesn't contain salt. If it does, take a tip from old Matt and forget it. When salted skimmer is thawed, it often has a bleached appearance and the meat tends to be rubbery. Porgies aren't fools, not by a long shot. Don't think you can put it over on them by using old bait. It won't work.

Squid is a so-so bait for bay porgies. They may take it and they may not, depending I suppose on what mood they're in. But it is good bait to have along, especially in the Peconics and similar areas where weakfish can be expected.

To cash in on this possibility, use a 3/0 Sproat on a three foot leader tied in about 30 inches above the sinker. Bait with a pennant-shaped slice of squid about three inches long. Run the hook through only once at the widest end and allow it to wiggle in the current. This is my reason for recommending 10 pound test mono instead of lighter 4 to 6 pound stuff. You'll have a better chance of landing a fighting weakfish with the heavier stuff. I've caught many weakfish while porgy fishing in the bays and I highly recommend its use.

When preparing clam bait for bay porgies, slice lengthways into narrow, thin strips, remembering to include that soft stomach as you cut. This is what all bottom feeders relish. (You can cut soft clam "necks" into thin slices so that the soft part that had been near the stomach is included. When you bait with this, make sure this is the part at the business end of the hook.)

Keep in mind that porgies have small mouths for their size, but don't let this fact fool you into using small pieces of bait. If you cut your bait into thin, narrow slices, say an inch and a half, you'll do better than those fishermen who barely bait the hook point. I sometimes think this is why these fishermen finish the day with plenty of sand porgy bites, but with nothing worthwhile in the bucket.

The same applies to the use of squid. Don't be afraid to use those thin, narrow pieces. Remember to always make sure the hook point is exposed when using these baits. In fishing, it is the little things that put fish in the bucket.

Occasionally porgies will accept fish bait. I remember fishing the Sag Harbor jetty one time when my fish were conspicuous by their absence. I tried the usual worm and squid baits and outside of an occasional fish, I was doing poorly.

There was one fisherman up the line, however, who seemed to have no difficulty whatsoever. Finally, I could stand it no longer and rock-hopped over to him. I watched a minute or two, then asked what kind of black magic he was using. His answer—and quite surprising to me—was small slices of sea robin. He cheerfully shared his bait, made room for me, and I began to catch fish immediately. I've tried it since: sometimes it works,

sometimes it doesn't. But it is a good thing to keep in mind. Since then, I've found small spearing will also work at times.

Muddy bay areas do not produce many porgies, but packed sand does; mussel beds, too. Especially so if there are breakwaters, jetties and groins in the vicinity. These are areas that hold porgies all summer long. Always look for the deepest water in these areas. If you're shore fishing, cast out as far as possible. If you're skiff fishing, use a chart of the area and pick out the deepest spots adjacent to these obstructions.

One place that has produced many porgies for me while shore fishing over the years is the jetty at the northwest corner of Shinnecock Canal, at the Peconic Bay entrance. Porgies congregate here all summer long and hundreds are caught. Often the fish are small (usually less than a half pound—sometimes much less), but it is a good place for action and to take the kids. Just be sure to keep an eye on them, for they often get carried away with the action and those rocks are sometimes slippery.

One reason I like to fish here is that it is never crowded as it sometimes is near the locks—especially if you get there early in the morning. The best fishing is at the end of the jetty, and one never knows what will come up next. One day I caught 37 big mackerel, another day 11 good sized fluke. Flounder are always available in season, though they start here a little later than by the locks. Cooler water, probably. They last into May here.

If the locks are closed, fishing can be done on the Canal side, too. Skiff fishermen can anchor up off the jetty, near the buoy. In past years, this used to be a wonderful sea porgy spot in May. The water is about 15 feet deep here and those big porgies used to knock me out when I was a kid. I'd always fall asleep on the way home to Brooklyn. Those old-timers had their hands full with me, all right. But they always delivered me to the doorstep, safe and sound. (Sorry, fellers, I got carried away with my memories.)

Oh—one more thing. Should you fish near the buoy, it will be to your advantage to use a bit of chum. This can be in the form of broken clam shells, smashed mussel or clam, even pebbles. I've used them all at one time or another. If sea robins show up, **stop** chumming immediately. Don't even fish for at least 10 minutes. Give them time to leave. Don't coax them to hang around. If you do, your porgies will leave for greener pastures. These two fish don't seem to enjoy each other's company too much.

Bay porgy fishing can be a lot of fun for the whole family. You won't catch any monsters, but you'll have a pleasant day in the sunshine, sharpen your fishing skills and with any luck at all, have some fine eating for supper.

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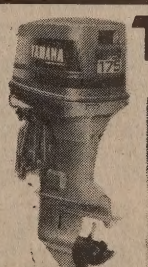

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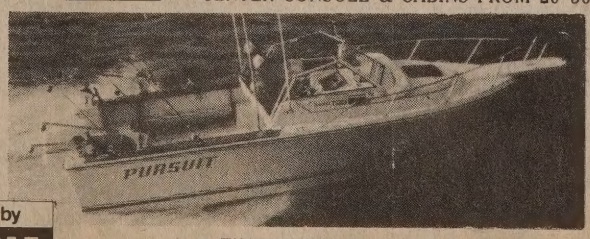

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OPENING UP A CAN OF WORMS

by Carl Buxbaum

Plastic worms come in enough shapes, sizes and colors to boggle the mind of any angler.

Like them or not, everyone agrees that plastic worms are the all time best largemouth bass lures. But when Nick Creme first cloned the basic garden hackle, some 50 years ago, he opened a can of worms that eventually revolutionized the tackle industry and today, can twist the minds of anglers. There are simply too many choices.

I just reviewed a major, national mail order catalog which praises the merits of no less than 18 kinds of plastic worms: 11 are scented or flavored, 6 float, 12 sink, 12 have curly tails, 6 straight, and the colors—oh, the colors. Oops, let's not forget the sizes. The worst offender of common sense comes in 6 sizes and 30 colors—that's 180 worms to cover all the bases. A quick calculation shows that to be fully prepared with a single worm of each type, in each color and size, you'd need 460 of the sticky, smelly, squirmies.

Now, in the New York Lottery you get to pick 6 numbers out of 48, and that puts the odds against you at six million to one. So, what are your chances of picking the single ideal combination of size, color, and action for a specific set of circumstances out of 460 baits? Don't start counting on your fingers. We're in luck. You see, if bass were all that finicky about what they eat, at a particular time and in a precisely defined situation, none of us would ever catch any. What makes the plastic worm famous for killing bigmouths is that it gets gobbled down even if it doesn't stink or taste; even in the "wrong" color; yes, even in the "wrong" size.

Some years ago, I set to work at simplifying the choice of plastic worms and came up with a comfortable formula. Mann's Jelly Worms were good enough, as long as they were black. Eight or nine inch worms were best to start with, you couldn't tell me any different, because they'd taken most of my really big bucket-

mouths. If there was no action, I would try 6 inchers and settle for lots of ordinary bass. Of course, there was the time I decided that a state record largemouth had to be living on Long Island, because the relatively mild climate provided a long growing season and used nothing but 9 inch worms. I did catch more big bass than ever before, but the action was so slow...slow...b-o-r-i-n-g.. And the old record stands unscathed at a whopping 10 lbs. 12 oz. I never got close.

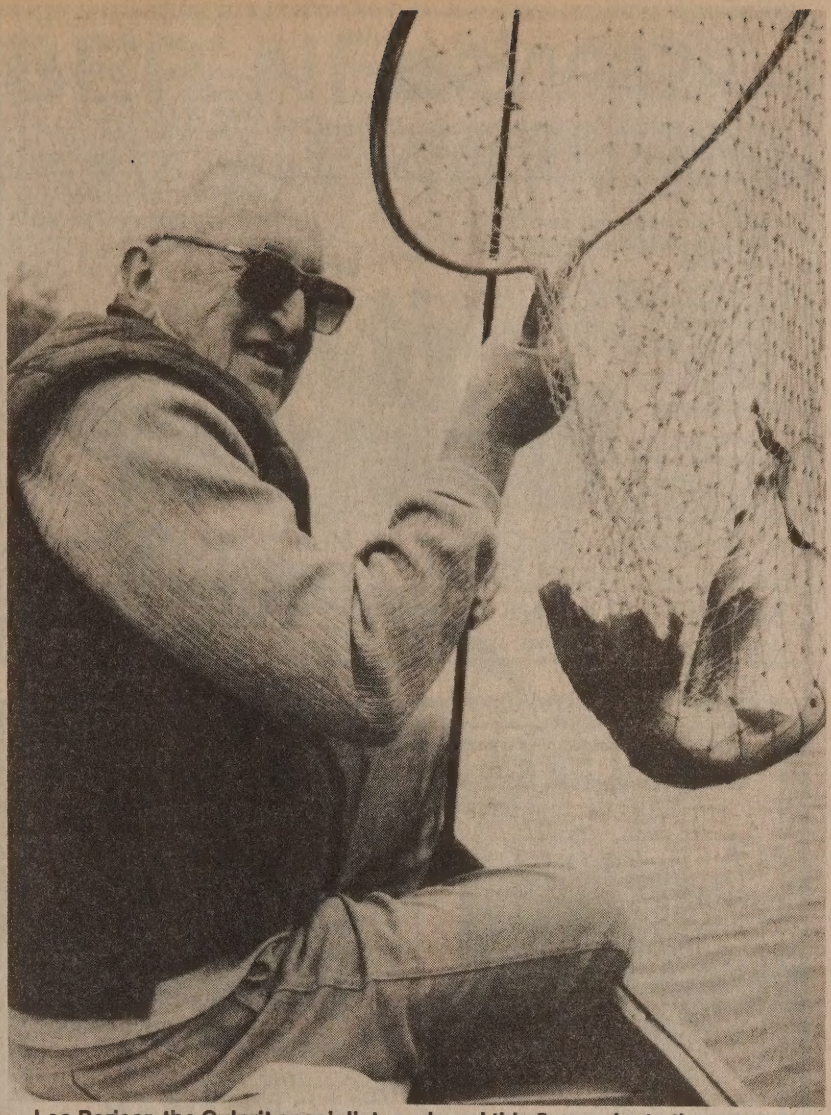
Well, I'm good at working hard to come up with weird notions and one of my mistakes was to oversimplify the selection of plastic worms. My father-in-law, Leo Pariser, set me straight a few seasons back. He returned from a winter vacation and with 4 plastic bags extended in his suntanned hands, said, "Here, try these Culprits. They're the hottest thing goin' in Florida—bass just jump all over 'em." Yeah, sure, I thought, and stowed the bags with the rest of the junk that never gets used.

By the time bass season rolled around, I'd forgotten the Culprits—but Leo hadn't. He couldn't wait to try them, that first Saturday in June. In the beginning, I outfished him with 6 and 8 inch Jelly Worms, but his bass were all bigger on a 7½ inch Culprit. He topped things off with a 20¼ inch bigmouth that went about 5 pounds. While he was releasing the fat brute, I examined the worm. It had a very long, ribbon-like squiggly tail. And I concluded the fish wanted a livelier bait. So, I dug out a black Mister Twister Phenom, hoping the curly tail would do the trick. My Culprits were still at home and Leo's offer to use one of his was refused, because I was pigheadedly determined to prove there wasn't anything special about the new lure; designed to sucker fishermen, more than fish. I was wrong. Yes, I took bass, including a couple of nice 16 inchers. But Leo did better. The Culprit's longer tail section was probably the secret, we thought.

The next weekend I was using the Florida import. Only this time the bass wanted blue, 6 inch versions. Having found the right worm, decent fish responded to about every third cast. Arthur Gordon was with me, pulling his hair and cursing. He couldn't buy a fish, until I gave him the new wonder worm.

Arthur takes his bassin' seriously, and we agreed to go out again the following Saturday. He showed up with what seemed like tons of worms. During the week he'd spent lunch hours and evenings darting from one tackle shop to another, until he'd assembled a complete arsenal. His tackle box was overstuffed, and bags of Culprits in two sizes and 8 colors stuck out of his pockets.

A few hours later, we finished working over our favorite hotspots, with only three short bass to show for the effort and returned to the first area for another round. I removed a brownish worm from the hook and laid it on the gunwale, while threading on another in old reliable black. As I aimed the cast, the brownish Culprit fell overboard. It floated. That's the secret, I thought, and tried to visualize a floating worm, pulled up snug to a bullet sinker underwater. My mind's eye saw its tail riding high, all aflutter. It would stand on its head, undulating, between turns of the crank.



Leo Pariser, the Culprit specialist, suckered this 5 pounder to the net on a 7½ inch, black version.

Then, I recalled that the Culprits did their magic in waters made murky by heavy spring rains. Their extra liveliness and flotation made them more visible. But now the fish were obviously inactive, and the water, though stained, was clear. I went back to Jelly Worms, crawled inch by inch along the bottom and started catching bass. Arthur went back to pulling his hair—grumbling something about having cornered the Culprit market. But between us we were okay, because I owned a good portion of all the black Jelly Worms ever made.

Leo, Arthur and I have been trying to make sense of the plastic worm quagmire ever since, about three years now. And we've concluded that the effectiveness of a worm is determined by the intensity of feeding activity, the amount of light penetrating the water, and the degree of water clarity.

The matter of active versus inactive largemouths seems easiest to handle. When bass put on the feedbag, they'll tear into almost anything that moves. The more it moves, the better they like it. So, Culprits or other lively tailed worms, like the Mister Twister Phenom and Mann's Jelly Waggler or Auger Tail, are best. but at times an angler can also do well by adding action to regular Jelly Worms, through rod manipulations. Inactive bigmouths seem more responsive to very slow, slithering worms, and fishermen will probably do best with straight or flap-tailed versions.

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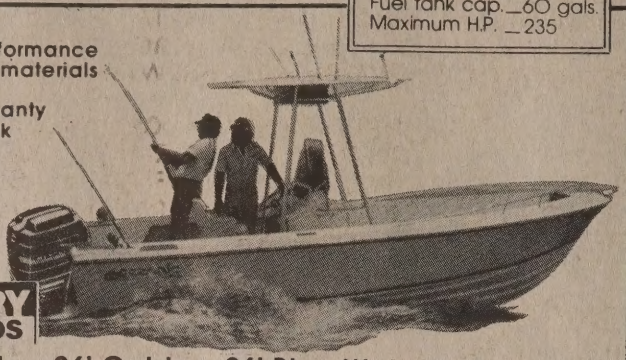

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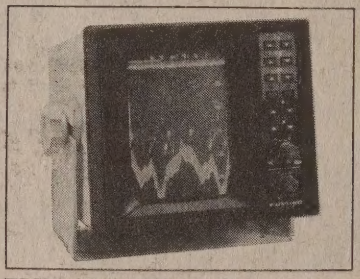

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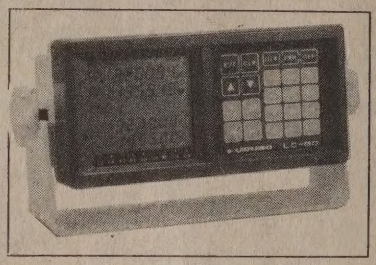

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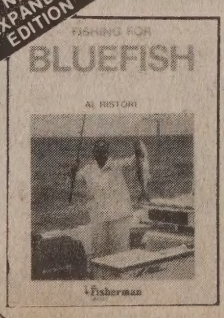

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be more reliable. But if the water's turbid or murky on the same bright day, curly tails and floaters in dark colors, say deep purple or black, seem to be more visible and, therefore, take more fish.

Things change some on overcast days or at dawn and dusk. Dark colors pick up the action, and I do best with black. Again, in clear water the simpler, near do-nothing, worms usually outperform those with action tails. But the reverse is true, so true it often makes the critical difference, in turbid, murky water which impairs the sight feeding ability of bass. It's possible that floaters and action tails are good in low visibility situations because they kick up vibrations detected by largemouths through their lateral lines. You can also help fish find a worm by trying some of the firetail and metal flake, color enhanced, versions. Except in the most off-color water, during low light though, these souped-up colors tend to do relatively poorly. Panfish can drive you nuts by just snapping at firetails, with short strikes. I must say, however, that smallmouth bass seem to have a special liking for Mister Twister's 6 inch firetails under all conditions.

The big stink about scents has been carefully avoided so far. It's hard to say what I believe, when nearly everyone, including many on the pro bass circuit, is using something smelly to attract bass. But largemouths are not like sharks or catfish, which nose their way to dinner and in my experience at least, the smell or flavor of a strip of soft plastic neither attracts nor deters strikes. So, I just ignore that complication.

At this point, I've narrowed down the plastic worm arsenal to four colors: purple, black, blue and motor oil; in roughly two sizes. I say roughly two sizes because not all types are available in the same lengths. Six inchers are pretty much a standard in every type. And that should be so—day in and day out, that's the most productive size. My clear water needs are, therefore, easily covered. The second type of worm, lively wigglers, are needed for cloudy water. All come in the 6 inch size, but they vary on other spans. I'm partial to Culprits and make the most of the largest, at 7½ inches. Yet, I want something bigger when there's a shot at a real monster largemouth and go to 8 inch Phenoms. These are available in an 11 inch size and I plan to give those snakes a workout this season.

If you still think this is all a bit too complicated, think basic. Basic is a black plastic worm, 6 inches long. Get a package of curly tailed ones and another with straight tails. No matter what the fishing situation, you'll do all right. Just cast one out, wait for it to reach bottom and crawl it all the way back. Bass love to follow these things and very often give an angler a fit by slamming the bait right under the boat, as it begins to rise. They just can't let it get away.

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BY FRED GUARDINEER

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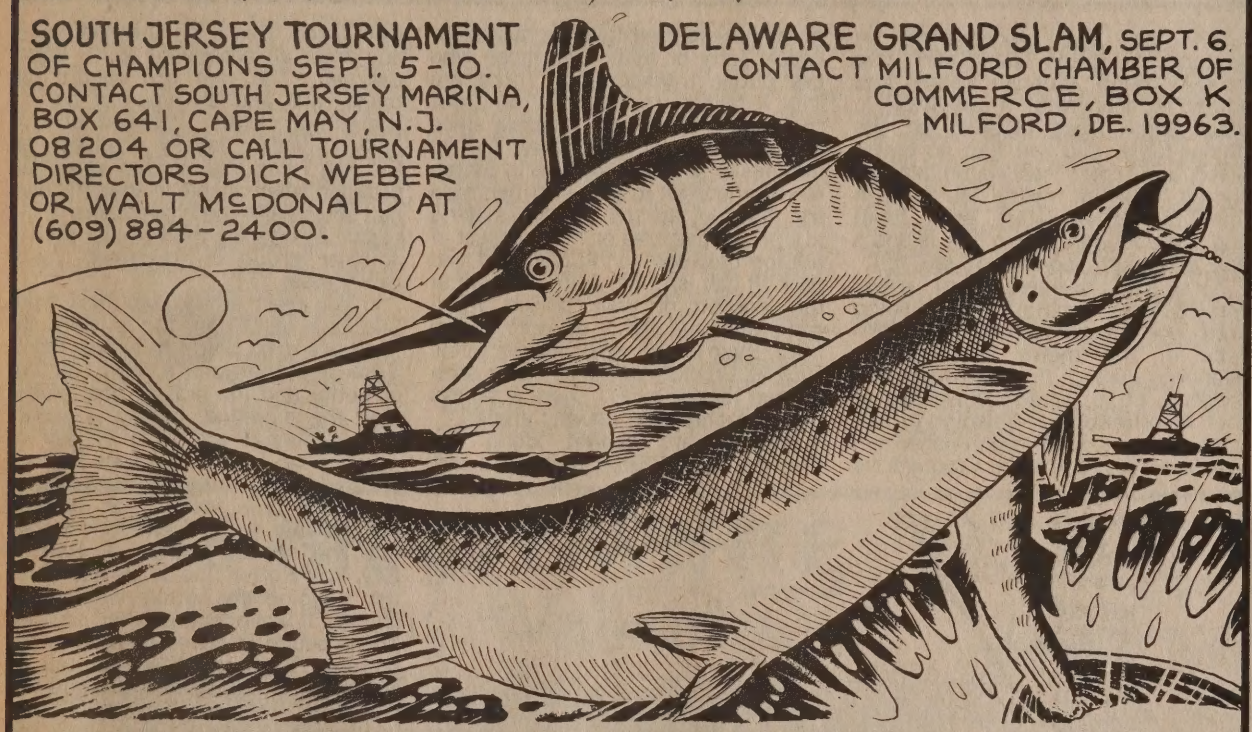

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STATEN ISLAND'S SHOREBOUND BLUES

by Tony Somma

Staten Island surfmen find an abundance of blues and access within easy reach.

From many past experiences in working the Staten Island surf, I've usually found bluefish ready and willing to cooperate. If you want to place some fresh bluefish on the dinner table, you will find no better place to fish from than Staten Island's shores. Bluefish invade the area in late May (at the latest, early June) and are abundant along the Island's east and south shores until late fall.

Most city dwellers must travel some before reaching a prime fishing area, not always a pleasant experience in the metro area. Staten Islanders rarely, if ever, face this concern. Local fishermen can be at their favorite spots and fishing in well under an hour. Most beach fishermen I know are only a 10 to 20 minute drive from home to their favorite bulkhead, beach, jetty or inlet. For those who use public transportation there are less locations to choose from, but commuting is still not a hassle since travel time only increases by 10 minutes or so. So if you live in Staten Island and want to give surf fishing a try, don't let the thought of traveling to a productive area or the prospect of finding crowded conditions hold you back. It just isn't so. After arriving at the location of your choice you'll generally have plenty of room to fish from. Even at the most popular spots such as Crooks Point I've never seen anyone turned away. There's always room for one more hopeful angler.

Bluefish are caught along the Stapleton and Clifton bulkheads and Cliff Street Beach on the east coast and from all accessible south shore beaches. The fish are caught on plugs, tins and all types of bait. I prefer bait, either chunked or live bunker, which usually produces all the fish I can use or give away. On occasion when unable to snag my own bait other fishermen have come to my rescue by offering me some of theirs. A nicer group of fishermen you'll rarely meet.

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Oakwood Beaches. These are sandy beaches with numerous storm sewers, rotten pilings and jetties. Bluefish generally weighing between 2 and 5 pounds are caught all along the beach and especially at the obstructions. Bait fish tend to school up around the obstructions which, in turn, attracts hungry blues and creates conditions favorable to us anglers. You'll not only catch bluefish at the storm sewers, pilings and jetties, but in season you'll find flounder, sand porgies, sea bass, snappers, tinker mackerel, weakfish, fluke, blackfish and striped bass. I always look forward to catching porgies, blackfish and sea bass from the Midland Avenue storm sewer, but that's another story.

Continuing west from Oakwood Beach, you'll come to Great Kills Park where bathers and fishermen share the beach. The beach's eastern end begins at a peat flat which is exposed at low tide. Here surfcasters mostly search the edges and gullies for bass and weakfish. Although blues are not the primary target, I believe they are the most predominant species caught. The next and shortest section of beach traveling west is used for bathing during daylight hours of summer. Out of season and at night some notable catches are recorded just behind the second bath house. The remainder of Great Kills Park Beach, the lion's share, is open to fishermen. The beach terminates at the Crookes Point jetty where you'll usually find quite a few fishermen and most of the action. To park at Crookes Point or any places in the park at night a pass is required. Passes can be obtained from the National Park Police Headquarters at the foot of New Dorp Lane in Miller Field. The majority of people who fish the Park will fish the Great Kills Harbor channel. The channel is just a stone's throw from Crookes Point Jetty and beach. Fish are caught off the channel edges during all tidal stages. An outgoing tide is usually your best bet. During the outgoing tide game fish prowl the harbor entrance and channel to feed on bait-fish washed out of the harbor. If you fish the channel edge from either the jetty or beach, you are in the right place. Be prepared for anything. It's not uncommon to see blues, fluke and an occasional weakfish or bass taken from the channel. Because of boat traffic, early morning and evening are the most productive times to fish. Combine these hours with an out-going tide and your chances improve greatly to put fish on the table.

Right across from Crookes Point is a beach and sand bar at the foot of Glover Street. At low tide you can wade knee deep to the channel edge. This area is full of bait and usually hosts a devoted group of followers. Conditions are similar to those found off the Crooks Point jetty beach. If you choose to fish the sand bar keep your eyes on the tide and head back before becoming stranded by high water.

As we continue along the coast we find the Hugenot and Princess Bay beaches which terminate at Lemon Creek. The creek presents conditions similar to those found at the entrance to Great Kills Harbor and should be investigated. These beaches are mostly sandy with a sprinkling of rock piles and abandoned piers. The beach between Woolfs Pond park and Princess Bay is another area that plays host to a devoted group of followers. On occasion, I've fished this area at night and rarely go home disappointed.

Continuing west, we come to the beaches off Carmen and Arbutus Avenues and to the beaches of Tottenville. The beaches west of Great Kills Park are mostly sandy with some rocky areas. In addition to the Lemon Creek jetty, there are some very productive looking storm sewers, old piers and rock piles along this stretch of beach. From time to time you'll hear reports of blues, stripers and fluke caught from these beaches. The area is currently under-utilized and fishing reports are sketchy. Bait shops are aware of when and where the bluefish move in and will be more than willing to provide you with lures, bait and all the information you'll need to select a productive section of shoreline.

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MICROWAVE CRABS

by Chris Duffy

What do you do with day-old, cooked, hard crabs? You take your pick! Some folks pick 'em, setting the meat aside to make crab cakes; while others simply pick 'em and eat the crab meat cold.

Don't get us wrong. There's nothing wrong with using crabs for crab cakes. We like nothing better than getting on the outside of a tasty crab cake platter. It's just that we hate to see our hard working wife spend an hour or more picking her way through an enormous pile of hard crabs, when she could be doing something much more glamorous, like washing or ironing.

And let's face it: cold, day old crabs can be downright hard to pick. Seems like you just don't get as much meat from a leftover crab as you do from a hot, fresh one. Tiny bits of cold crab meat tend to stick in all those little compartments.

Often, just to give the missus a break, you understand, instead of having the old girl pick through a dozen or so leftover crabs, we loosen the purse strings and spring for commercial crab meat. Husbands can get quite generous when they're hungry.

But that still leaves us with the problem of doing something with those leftover crabs. Sure, we tried heating the spicy remains of yesterday's crab feast in the oven. But results were less than satisfactory. Our gas-fired oven tends to dry the meat. Then too, cooking time is hard to estimate. So what do you do!

We got the idea late one night, after the rest of the family went to bed. It just so happened we were dieting, trying to keep the old pot belly down to ample proportions. And being abnormally strong-willed, we weren't the least bit hungry, even though the ogre dishing out the food had been sending us measly small portions at meal times. No, we were not hungry; it simply occurred to us to help the wife out by eliminating any tasty tidbits cluttering up the refrigerator. That's when we spied the hard crabs.

Way back in a lower corner, disguised in a brown paper bag, were six of the loveliest leftover crabs we'd ever seen. Somehow the beauties had escaped the cavernous maws of the rest of the clan. And right next to the crabs, bathed in that lovely glow only an appliance bulb can provide, was a six pack of our favorite brew. Hmm..., we thought, wouldn't it be nice to polish off those crabs before the "others" got their greedy little paws on them. Sure, the crabs would taste better hot—too bad we would have to eat them cold. Still, that is man's lot in life: to make sacrifices.

So we hefted the bag of crabs out and set it down next to the microwave oven, a recent gift to the missus to make her already easy job, even easier. According to the salesman, the space age appliance was handy for all sorts of things. It could even pop popcorn. Big deal. Three hundred bucks for a popcorn popper. Think of how many fishing trips that money could buy. Naturally, the wife had found other clever uses for the electronic gizmo, such as heating up sandwiches for starving children.

Now "leftover" is a dirty word in our vocabulary. Unless, that is, it is

applied to shrimp, lobster—or crabs. Then a leftover is a prize. Something to be gobbled up in secret before the competition got wind of it. The microwave oven gave us an idea. Maybe we could make those cold crabs hot using the microwave!

"Be careful, honey," we remembered our wife cautioning. "When heating up foods with skins or casings in the new microwave, you must first pierce them with a fork to let the steam out. Otherwise, they might explode."

Visions of exploding hard crabs came to mind. A just reward, we imagined, for plopping the struggling critters into a vat of boiling water. Of course, having crabs explode grenade like in the kitchen might have unpleasant consequences. We would then have to rouse the wife from her nightly lethargy, then guide her downstairs to clean up the mess. And while she scoured and scrubbed she would no doubt remind us (using that particularly annoying tone women use when fate forces them to do something out of the ordinary), "how hard she works," etc., etc. Worse yet, she might even want to help us eat the rest of the crabs. Best to let the tired woman sleep.

Remembering the words of Mrs. Lyles, our fifth grade teacher, "Why don't you use your head for something more than a hat rack, Christopher?" We did, when we found a fork simply glanced off the crab's bony shell. To keep the crab from exploding, we used our brain to remove the T-shaped apron and upper shell. Really, we used our hands to do this, but used our brains to figure the process out. Then into the microwave oven the prepared crab went—on a paper plate—no reason to leave any dishes behind for the cook to clean up, nor any evidence either.

It took some experimenting with a couple of crabs to determine the best heating time. We turned the oven down to half power and tried half minute intervals. We tried half a minute first, but found the crab still cold on the inside. While we waited, we cracked the claws eating them cold. We found a full minute on half power was just right, hot on the outside and warm on the inside.

And tasty! Microwave oven heated hard crabs are just this side of the real thing. Try it on day old soft crabs, too.

Sorry to say the old girl found out about our microwave crab exploits anyway. It seems cooking crabs spatter up the oven. When done, any traces of a midnight crab feast can be eliminated by wiping the inside of the oven using a soapy sponge. Better yet such spattering can be minimized by covering each crab with a paper towel.

Ever hear of a guy named Pavlov? He was a behavioral scientist who taught dogs to salivate when a bell was rung. Funny thing we begin to salivate and think of hard crabs every time the microwave oven timer goes off. Let's hope we don't start barking.

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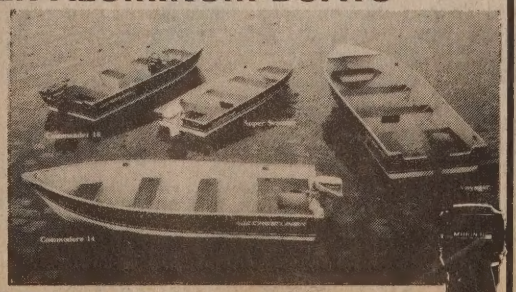

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THE COLD POOL AND ITS EFFECTS

National Marine Fisheries Service

Summertime anglers in the offshore waters of the Southern New England and Middle Atlantic states might be surprised to learn that they are never more than 50 to 60 feet away from winter temperatures. From May through September in the offshore environment, the warm surface waters lie over cold bottom water in the 40° to 50° (4°-10°C) range. This cold layer, covering the bottom from Nantucket Shoals to the Virginia Capes, generally are found between the 20 fathom (120 feet) and 70 fathom (420 feet) bottom depth contours, is called the cold pool by marine scientists.

As long as the cold pool stays offshore, it has little effect on most sport fishermen and the upper-water fish they pursue. However, the cold pool occasionally moves inshore for several days at a time along the Middle Atlantic Coast, dramatically affecting fish distribution or behavior, and the fisherman's success.

Each spring the sun heats up the surface layer of the water mass overlying the continental shelf until a 10 to 50 foot layer of warm water forms, effectively "capping off" the colder water underneath. As summer heating progresses, the added heat goes to making the easily-mixed surface layer warmer and warmer and little heat gets to the cold water beneath. Late in the summer, it is not unusual to find surface temperatures in the high 70s (°F) and bottom temperatures in the 40s (°F).

The location of the cold pool shifts occasionally during the summer, moving shoreward or seaward in response to prevailing winds. For example, if the wind blows steadily from the southwest along the Mid-Atlantic coast, the warm surface water is pushed offshore and the cold bottom water moves shoreward to replace it.

Abrupt declines in water temperature by as much as 20°F or more, resulting from the arrival of the cold pool in a normally warm area, can drive some fish species offshore and can reduce the feeding activity of those that remain, decreasing the angler's catch drastically.

Scientists at the National Marine Fisheries Service's (NMFS) Sandy Hook Laboratory in Highlands, New Jersey, have conducted studies in aquaria to measure the response of various fish species to temperature decreases. Those experiments have shown a significant difference in the effects of temperature drops, depending on whether the fish is a mostly upper water species such as bluefish or Atlantic mackerel, or a mostly bottom-water species as tautog (blackfish) or summer flounder (fluke).

The open-water species respond to temperature drops by increasing their swimming speed, trying to avoid the cooler water, and decreasing their feeding activity. Consequently, as a cold pool begins to move inshore, it briefly pushes these open-water species ahead of it. This squeezing of fish towards the shore can produce a few hours of fast fishing for surf

fishermen. Then, as the cold pool reaches the shore, it pushes the open-water species upward in the water column and outward from the shore. This flushing of fish from inshore areas can produce one to several days of slow fishing for surf fishermen.

Looking at bluefish specifically, we see that their peak abundance occurs when the water temperature is 64 to 72 degrees F (18°-22°C). When the NMFS scientists examined snapper blues which had become accustomed to the midpoint of this peak abundance range—68°F (20°C)—they found that: **1.** below 59°F (15°C) the fish tried to avoid their cooler surroundings; and **2.** below 48°F (9°C) the fish showed signs of thermal shock which would eventually kill them if they could not return to their acclimation temperature. Some of the snapper blues, given a choice of temperatures to swim in, would occasionally leave the 68°F (20°C) water to briefly (a few minutes) swim along a 55° to 63°F (13°-17°C) thermocline, or to **very** briefly (a few seconds) swim into 36° to 51°F (2°-11°C) water in order to feed. However, feeding activity was reduced by 50 percent. Since changes in water temperature more slowly affect larger fish (because of their larger volume-to-surface area ratio), then larger bluefish would be more able to swim into potentially lethal temperatures in order to feed.

The bottom-water species respond to temperature drops by decreasing their movements, trying to find heavier cover and decreasing their feeding activity. When NMFS scientists examined medium to large tautog being subjected to a temperature drop from 61°F (16°C) to 35°F (2°C), they found that: **1.** as the temperature dropped below 61°F (16°C) so did movement and feeding; **2.** below 50°F (10°C) the fish grouped closely together—their flanks often touching—in heavy cover; and **3.** around 44° to 47°F (7°-8°C) the fish showed a brief surge of movement before returning to a depressed state.

When you consider that a cold pool intrusion or "upwelling" into the surf zone can drop temperatures by as much as 20°F (10°C) for one to several days, it is easy to see how such an upwelling can severely disrupt fishing during that period.

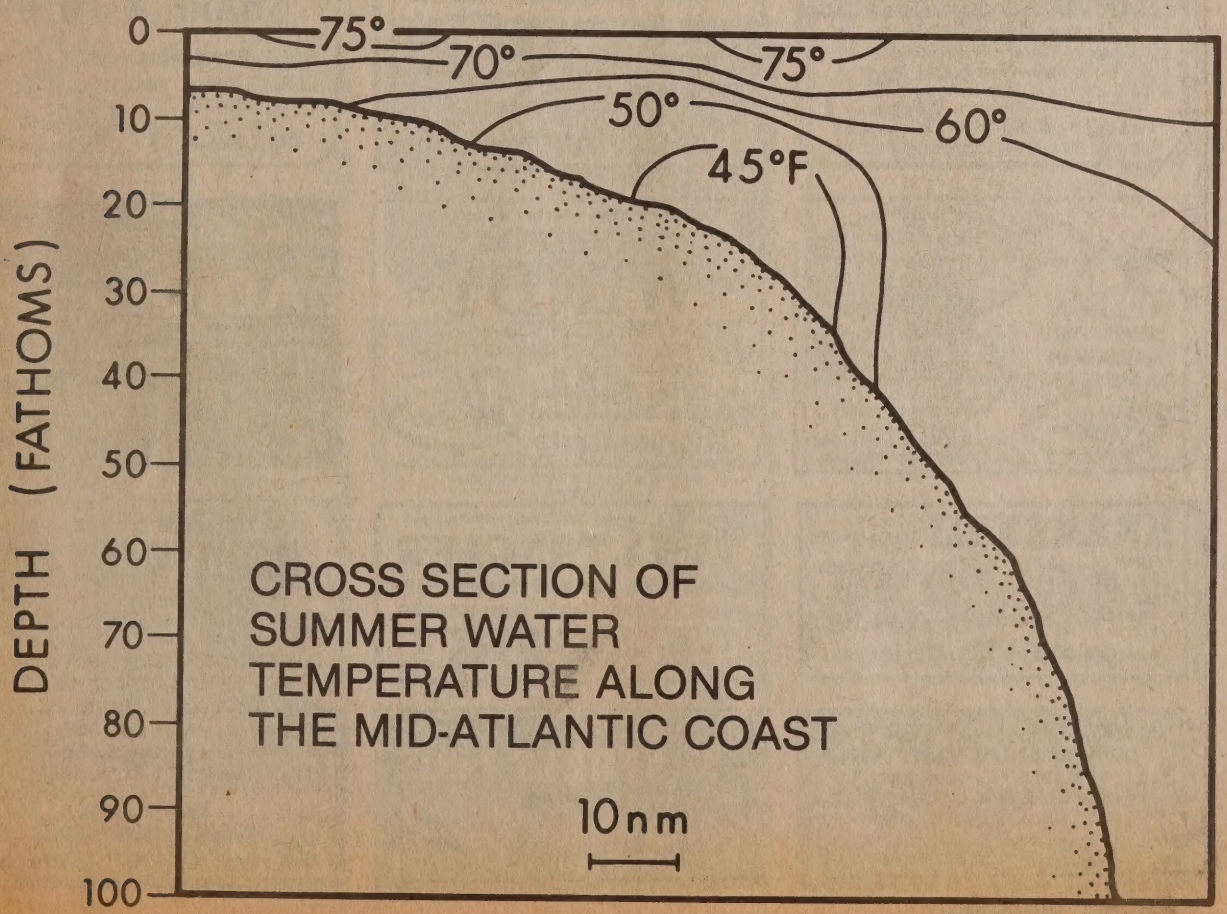
Regardless of whether you're fishing for open water or bottom water species off the Middle Atlantic states, follow the National Weather Service's forecasts of wind speed and direction for two to three days before you go fishing. NOAA Weather Radio is an excellent source of this wind information in the coastal zone. If strong, constant southwesterly winds are the prediction, then prepare for cold pool effects. It wouldn't hurt, though, to take a water thermometer or temperature gauge along just to confirm any upwelling activity.

If you're after summer flounder, tautog, Atlantic cod, or similar bottom water species, then plan to fish heavier cover than usual, and consign yourself to the inevitably greater loss of terminal tackle. When you catch a fish, put your bait back in the same spot—the fish could be stacked up like cordwood.

If you're after bluefish, Atlantic mackerel, Atlantic bonito, or similar open water fish, then plan to fish farther offshore and/or closer to the surface than usual. If you're shorebound, consider switching your efforts to bottom water species. If you're catching small sized individuals of your target open water species, then keep moving your bait or lure deeper until you get bigger fish or no fish.

The cold pool and its occasional intrusion into the inshore environment are a fact of life for fishermen along the Mid-Atlantic states during the July through September period. Its effects on fish distribution and behavior can't be stopped, but they can be countered by the alert and prepared angler.

Anyone interested in the scientific details of cold pool formation and movement should write: Dr. Merton C. Ingham, National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Fisheries Center, South Ferry Road, Narragansett, RI 02882. Anyone interested in the scientific details of temperature drops on fish distribution and behavior should write: Anne C. Studholme, National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Fisheries Center, P.O. Box 428, Highlands, NJ 07732.



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East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

Tuna were hard to locate since the brisk northerly winds, though they finally showed up on Monday south of the Butterfish Hole. Many quality fluke, some true doormats, caught on the south side of Montauk. Porgy catches continue their terrific pace, while bluefish have taken up the slack for disappointed offshore anglers. Good numbers of blackfish were caught on the weekend.

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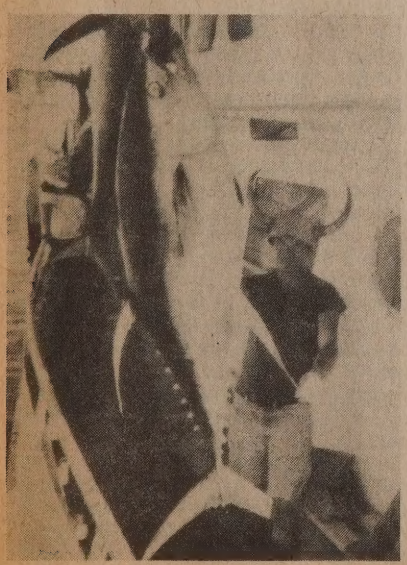
Dana Aaronson, reporting for **Tuma's Dock and Tackle** felt that tuna fishing was slow the past week due to the fish being scattered by the strong winds. However, best bet for bigeye, yellowfin and white marlin remains at the canyon. Sharking offshore has been productive, with several makos brought in this week, one of over 600 lbs. on the Kenglo. Lots of large fluke, 7 to 12 lbs. have moved onto the south side, with the Elbow a good place to start. Porgies remain good at Great Eastern and under the light. Bluefish are strong at Shagwong and Cartwright.

No tuna were brought into **Gone Fishing Marina** last week, although rumors of tuna hookups came from anglers fishing 40 miles or more offshore. However, lots of fluke were caught on the south side on the weekend. Lee Kessler, fishing in 20



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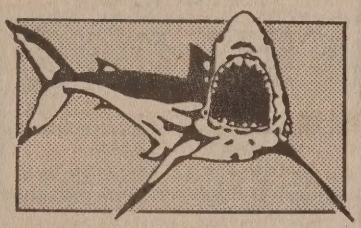
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feet of water on the 'Exciter' caught 20 fluke. Bill Podmore also caught well on the weekend, and reported heavy boat traffic on the fluke spots. Largest fluke weighed in at the marina topped the scale at 10 lbs. Plenty of blues to 4 lbs. are roaming the inshore areas, causing havoc with flukers. Large bluefish can be found at Cartwright. Shark hunters are hooking up with a couple per trip. On Sunday, 17 year old Jenifer Walter caught her first mako, a 98 lber., while fishing with her dad, Richard on the family boat, Osprey.

Charter boats berthed at **Gone Fishing Marina** reported a variety of species for their customers. Captain Bill Ricca of the **Alyssa Ann**, finding tuna slow because of the winds, filled the slack with gorilla blues, to 15 lbs., at Cartwright. Captain Bob Storc of the **Caprice** enjoyed good fluking on Friday with Joe Forge and friends, with many fish to 5 lbs. on strip baits. Saturday's charter with Jim Stanis mixed Cartwright blues with south side fluke. Sunday's group, Art Gomez and friends cleaned up on blues to 15 lbs., while Sinclair and Maurice Curtis settled for a load of porgies, some to 2 lbs., at Great Eastern on Monday.

Bluefish or fluke were the order of the day over at **Uihlein's Boat Rentals** according to Smithy. Catches include 20 bluefish caught at Cartwright on bunker chunks offered by John Green and Sally Sickler. A group which included Dick Rosenbaum, Danny Hest with Peggy and Andy Kassier fished under the light for 10 fluke (two of them 4 lbs.), some porgies and sea bass. The group reported many small fluke in the area.

Captain Dusty Dorzbacker reports continued fantastic porgy fishing, with some jumbos now mixed with large porgies on the **Little Bear**. High hook on Saturday was Betty Lee with 123 fish, entitling her to a half fare next time around.

A 5¾ lb. blackfish was the pool winner on the **Flying Cloud** on Friday and Mr. Bockwell caught 106 porgies for high hook honors. Willy Connell caught 107 on Sunday.

A variety of inshore and offshore species were seen at the dock at **Star Island Yacht Club** on Monday, including a 342 lb. blue marlin. The fish was trolled at the Canyon by Gerald Singer on the "Bandit." Eric Singer fought the fish for one hour 15 mins. on 80 lb. tackle. Since this is Eric's first blue marlin the head will be mounted. Dr. Joe Goldberg, the dentist who fished on the "Sweet Tooth," was spotted cleaning 13 good size fluke, the largest a fine doormat of 14¾ lbs. on Sunday. While Dr. Goldberg was vague about the exact location of the catch, he stated that it was in 70 feet of water, "somewhere" on the south side" on strip bait. Michael Laden, fishing on the 'Ark' used green crabs for 50 blackfish, several went 5 to 6 lbs.

A thresher shark was hooked up on a fluke trip this past week. Anglers on

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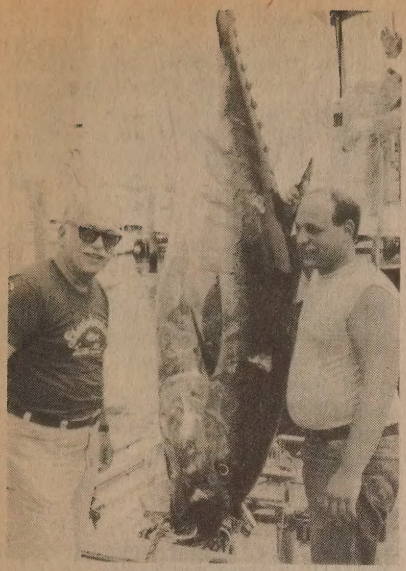

Jerry Bell and his son Kenny, both Sheepshead Bay Tuna Club members, with a 350 lb. bluefin caught aboard the Montauk charter boat, "Mistress Too."

the "Sea Lion" were drifting for fluke using Capt. Nappi bucktail fluke rigs. An angler was reeling in a sea robin when the thresher attacked the live sea robin by hitting it with its tail, and was foul-hooked in its tail by the fluke hook. When finally reeled in, the fish weighed 90 lbs.

Captain Paul Forsberg asked us to relay a change in schedule for the open tuna boat, stating that the **Viking Fleet** will now sail for tuna daily, with reservations required. Ten tuna were caught on Monday's trip, mixed bluefin and yelowfin all near 100 lbs. They were located southeast of the Butterfish Hole. Fluke trips will be scheduled on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday until further notice. Fine fluking took place on the south side on the weekend, with Karl Rauschenback of Queens Village copping the pool on Sunday with a 13.2 oz. doormat. Nomans Land trips for porgies will leave on Thursday and Friday; catches last week averaged 1½ buckets per angler with high hook about 120 porgies. Most night bluefish trips are to Block Island grounds and are generally fantastic. Cod fishing is on the slow side.

Stanley and Richard Aronofsky, teenagers from Port Jefferson Station reported on the **Viking Star's** tuna trip last Wednesday, in very high seas. A total of six tuna were boated, one of 70 lbs. by Roger Evans, usually seen at **Star Island Yacht Club**. Many large tuna were hooked and lost. Many bonito and bluefish moved into the area providing light tackle fun for those worn out by fighting large tuna.

Edelman's Lou Rosado combined fluke and porgies on the weekend. Friday's trip with Dr. Mike Fahr and Nick Matskiew located seven fluke, the largest seven and a half pounds, seventy porgies and a couple of dozen sea bass (one of four, another six pounds), all on the south side. Saturday's trip was a repeat with just Lou and Nick capturing nine fluke, top weight nine and a quarter pounds, before anchoring for seventy porgies. On Sunday, however, Lou and I had no luck locating fluke on the morning's flood tide. We did clean up on porgies, about one-hundred, which leaped on our clam baits at Great Eastern. Apparently the bottom is paved with porgies.

Captain Mike Bentevegna Junoir, of the charter boat **Pronto**, reported on tuna and shark trips for the week, finding tuna catching slow until Monday, with sharking fair, at least one shark per trip. Wednesday's overnight trip with Harvey Holm and his son returned with a ninety-eight pound mako, but hooked up with assorted blue shark and duskies. Tuna are spread out since the heavy winds, moving fifty or so miles offshore. However, on Monday the tuna were located several miles south of the Butterfish Hole on a trip with the Huntington Anglers with Steve Rutigliano and Tom Loverso (who won the trip in a raffle). Bluefin of ninety-six and seventy-five pounds were boated, others were hooked up and lost.

Captain Steve Mauss, of the charter boat **Kraken III** was involved in several inshore charters, all quite successful, on the weekend. Saturday's trip for south side fluke, resulted in about two dozen fluke, to six pounds in weight. At Cartwright on Sunday, it was impossible not to catch bluefish. All were very large. Monday on an exploratory trip to Fischer's Island for blackfish, only fifteen fish were caught, however thirteen fish weighed over four pounds, top weight twelve pounds, with Bob Lombardi and his friend Tom. Captain Steve is now booking bulldog blackfish charters. Call for information.

A spokesman for the **Montauk Marine Basin** commented that fishing is super, particularly fluking. Last week an eleven and a half pounder was caught on the "Lady Kathleen". Robert Corbelli brought in a doormat of fifteen and a half pounds, drifting squid south of the point on the marina based boat "Emme". Porgies remain consistantly good, while bluefishing is

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Al Zuki and family with a brace of fluke to 5¾ lbs. taken in Shinnecock Bay during mid-August. Photo courtesy of Molnar's Landing in Hampton Bays.

great. The charter boat **Kellyboat** fished on the weekend thirty miles south of the Point, returning with sixteen huge pollock, caught on herring bait.

Reports from **Captain's Cove Marina** indicated slow tuna fishing since the northwest winds, which dropped water temperatures six degrees. Tuna were found, however, fifty miles offshore. Fluke were very good, many true doormats were located on Montauk's south side on the weekend. Porgies remain excellent at Great Eastern and at the Point. Blues bit very well on both tides on Southwest Ledge on the weekend. Reports of very early blackfish catches of large fish have sparked interest in charters for these fish.

SOUTH FORK

George Pharaoh spoke of very good porgy catches seen at **Bayview Marine and Tackle** over the weekend, with most scores made at Cedar Point. Charles Larkin and his friends caught two-hundred porgies using sandworms as bait. An interesting bycatch was several fluke, sea bass and blackfish while porgy fishing. Most anglers averaged fourty-five fish a person on the weekend. News of bluefish comes from Gardiner's off Eastern Plains Point or near the Ruins. A few weakfish were caught in the Peconics at Jessups Neck and Smith's Cove.

Teenager Artie Felice, vacationing with his mom at Sebonac Inlet, noticed a lot of bunker in the area, with small blues evident. Since most anglers were snapper fishing, they were ill prepared for a bluefish attack which caused a lot of broken lines and busted tackle on Monday.

Thom Speckenbach saw very good porgy catches made by anglers who fished in thirty feet of water off Eastern Plains Point on Sunday. Two anglers returned to **Speck's Bait and Tackle** with over three-hundred on Sunday, however encountered difficulty in locating the school upon their return on Monday. Locally, fluke are holding steady in the Shinnecock area, however many doormat size fluke were caught on the south side of Montauk on the weekend, with many fish in the eight and ten pound range reported and at least one over fourteen pounds. Offshore, tuna action was very slow since last week's northerly winds, with the only catches made at 40 Fathoms, the first finger, and an occasional tuna in the Butterfish Hole. A couple of mako sharks were found in 150 feet of water. Although there are loads of bunker in the ocean, blues were scarce over the weekend.

Captain Clark Bellows reports excellent blackfish on the **Wilhelric II** on Tuesday and Wednesday's trips, with very good action north of Gull Island and south of Little Gull. High hook was twenty-two blackfish, average catch fifteen ranging from small to eight pounds. A few dozen spectacular sized porgies (to three pounds) jumped on blackfish baits. Blackfish trips will be scheduled on Tuesday and Wednesday for the next few weeks. Porgy action depended on winds, with Thursday and Friday's catches down because of northwest winds. However, on the three day weekend the fish bit well with most anglers managing thirty to fifty porgies per person, with most fish over a pound in weight. Best fishing took place east of Gardiner's at Green Hills and Eastern Plains Point. All tickets are sold on the **Wilhelric II** for Sunday, September 7th.

Al Flexer has had continued success with fluke, sea bass and striped bass using his new **Al Feather's Flash Jigs**. On Thursday, Jose and Danny Lopez managed five fluke to four pounds with sea bass to one and a quarter pounds fishing on the northwest side of the Ponquoque Bridge. Poppa John and Susan drifted from Buoy three to Shinnecock Inlet, catching very few keepers among sixty short fluke. Best fluke, with some to five pounds, were caught at the bridge Saturday and Sunday, with the Mylar flash jigs accounting for a dozen fluke from three to five pounds at flood slack tide. Over one-hundred stripers also jumped on the jigs, including on of thirty-eight pounds which jumped on a one quarter ounce flash jig. Flounders to one and a half pounds were caught on sandworms fished from the New Town Dock on the end of Dune Road, with one angler catching twenty-two on Friday. Call Al Flexer Tuesday or Wednesday mornings at 718-468-2371 for information on his new **Al Feather's Jigs**.

Mark and Sue Dawley treated their young daughters, Heather and Melissa to a bottom fishing trip at Shinnecock Inlet, on a demonstrator boat from **Rowland's Boats and Motors**. The youngsters were thrilled over catching a mess of snappers and sea bass. The "Galloping Ghost," berthed at **Sherry and Joe Coor's Best Boatworks** located a mako of 140 lbs., fought by Sherry Coor. Sherry was fishing with Ron Woodward and J.J. Coor, 25 miles southeast of the inlet; the fish took a drifted bunker. The group reported lots of skipjacks seen. Blues were trolled outside Shinnecock Inlet on the weekend. One angler reported a catch of a few skipjack two miles from the inlet. Plenty of fluke action reported, with a very high percentage of shorts.

South Shore REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

The weatherman provided a picture perfect weekend. The long holiday weekend saw the offshore set enjoy some excellent tuna action at the canyon. Inshore, fluke remain very much in the picture but there are increasing signs of blackfish and sea bass coming on strong in the weeks ahead. Bluefish seem to be gearing up for their fall onslaught and snappers remain large and plentiful at most docks.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Reporting on the weekend's fluke action, Capt. Ron Schleuter of the **Moriches** based **Alma Fleet** said that back on Thursday, fluking was excellent with 400 keepers and very few shorts taken by fares. Mike Chachkes had the pool winner—a 3.5 pounder. The skipper labeled Friday's fishing as decent and then noted tough fishing on Saturday and Sunday. The picture improved somewhat on Sunday's afternoon trip while Monday rated a fair. Hi-hook on Monday had 6 fish but everyone managed a couple of keepers. Joe Meyeriks had a 3½ pounder while a Mr. & Mrs. Schlesinger had a 3¾ pound fluke in their bag. Captain Ron said that they will be switching over to flounder beginning on Friday and they will also be making Saturday night cruises to the Boatyard Cafe. Call for dinner reservations. Sailing times will be 7PM and 9PM.

Over at **Las Brisas Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**, Bob Santiago said that lots of fluke were being taken but many were shorts. Thursday was an exception with many keepers. The hole at buoy 43 has been producing porgies and sea bass and there was some good flounder action on Friday in the hole at buoy 36 on bloodworms and clam chum.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Paul Graniello at **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** reported snappers big and plentiful along with some lafayettes at local docks. Some very large snappers (12-14") being taken by anglers fishing down deep. Some very good fluke reports coming from Moriches Bay with a lot of keepers on Thursday and Friday of this past week. The action did slip on the weekend however. Also from Moriches Bay, a report of 21 big flounder taken by JR Cicenti

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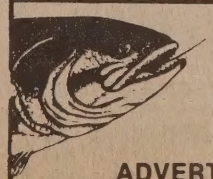
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and crew. They also had a couple of sea bass fishing a 12 foot hole in an unspecified location. Lots of blues to 12 pounds just outside Moriches Inlet and up to 12 miles offshore. They are being trolled, jigged and baited. No tuna reports over the weekend. In Great South Bay, some nice catches of sea bass being made at Ocean Beach and best fluking at the inlet on the last of the flood and first of the ebb. Best crabbing is being enjoyed by boatmen working the flats on the south side of the bay.

From **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, Rod DiGiacomo spoke of good fluking at the inlet late in the week, though it slowed over the weekend. Sea bass are on the Fire Island ocean reef in good numbers with smaller fish at the R.M. Bridge. Steady bluefish action southeast of the inlet in 70 to 80 feet of water though some boats trolled and jigged fish as close as 30 feet on a couple of occasions. It was a good weekend at the canyon with lots of yellowfin tuna and some bigeyes taken by chunkers.

Fluke action remained strong at the inlet according to Jim Romano at **Peppy's Tackle Shop** in **East Islip**. Jim Brockwell fished the normally less productive ebb tide on Saturday and put away 18 keepers along with five sea bass on killie and squid combos. On Friday, Mike Chernes took 9 fluke to 3½ pounds along with a few large blowfish near the lighthouse. Some weaks continue to be taken on live bait on Thursday. Ray Thiesen nailed a 10 pound tiderunner on a live snapper at the Sore Thumb on incoming water. Some blues were trolled west of the Inlet in 30 to 40 feet of water while others were jigged and trolled south of Patchogue. Snappers continue to provide plenty of action.

The Canyon was hot over the long weekend according to Carl Miller of **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore**. Chunking with butterfish was the key to the action. Very few fish were taken by trollers. On Friday night, Billy and Frank aboard the Crystal Lady returned with 15 tuna to 125 pounds. They had both yellowfins and bigeyes. Another boat reported taking 10 bigeyes among many yellowfins. Inshore tuna fishing was quiet with the only confirmed tuna taken inshore of the canyon being a 100 pound bluefin trolled on Friday at the Bacardi. Fluke remain solid from the Bridge to the Inlet. Donnie Schroeder had 21 keepers at the Inlet on Friday. A mixed bag of blowfish, sea bass and a few blackfish on the Kismet Reef. Some good bluefish action at Cholera over the weekend and the private boat Distant Drums reported taking a lot of 10 to 11 pound choppers on the Oregon. Snappers continue good at the local docks as does the crabbing.

Capt. Neil Delanoy of the **Bay Shore** open boat **Laura Lee** said that fluke fishing continued excellent this past week. On Saturday's trip, Ruth and Jack Donato teamed to put away 21 keepers. Louie and Tony Vitale also put away 21 keepers. Fishing

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was being done from the Lighthouse to the Bridge. The boat will switch over to blackfish beginning on Wednesday, September 10th.

Capt. Carl Passaro of the open boat **Miss Captree** called to say that he has been getting some good sea bass reports from the Fire Island Ocean Reef. As a result, the boat will begin fishing Fire Island wrecks and reefs for sea bass, porgies and blackfish beginning on Friday, September 5th. These will be full day trips departing at 8AM daily.

Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Joseph II** said that fluking was very good on Thursday and Friday but slowed Saturday and Sunday. Bluefishing was good all week with Cherry Grove hot on Friday and Patchogue hot on Saturday. Fish south of the Grove were in the 6 to 12 pound range while the body of fish off of Patchogue ranged from 3 to 8 pounds with a few larger. Fishing was done in 75 to 80 feet of water. On Friday's trip, Chris Sebourg bagged 19 choppers. George Dobord and Jim Cody teamed to put away 35. On Saturday, Carlos Suzuki and Akira Nishiyama totaled 91 choppers. Dan Wasilewsky took the pool with a 16¾ pounder. The Capt. Joseph II will also be making a switch from fluke to sea bass, porgies, blacks and fluke beginning on Friday, September 5. Fishing will be done on local Fire Island wrecks.

Capt. George Tweedy of the open boat **Capt. Scotty 3** labeled the fluking fair with some of the better action this week on the ebb tide and just a pick on the flood. Three to five keepers a man has been about average. Blues very good this past week with 400 to 800 choppers a night being

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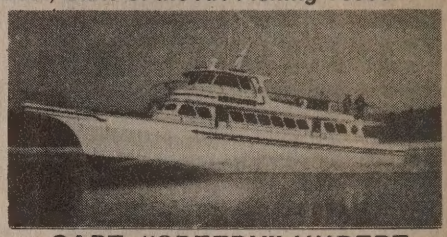

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taken. Fish have been mixed in size. Some nights all large fish, other nights large and small mixed. Most of the fishing is being done between the inlet and Patchogue. George too said that he will be making the switch to wreck fishing in the near future. Keep an eye on his ad for details.

From **Captree Bait and Tackle**, Bobby Sprenger thought that fluke fishing was holding up well at the inlet. Still some fish from the pier as evidenced by Marlene Hines' 4.1 pound fluke taken on Saturday from Fishermans Walk. On Friday, Rich Volpe clicked with a 2.10 pound sea bass aboard the charter boat **Sea Ranger**. Some reports of blackfish filtering in and a reminder that the shop is stocked with fiddler crabs. Snapper fishing remains good on the walk though they are bigger on the Jones Beach piers. A reminder that this Saturday and Sunday from 9AM to 4PM, the Annual Captree Snapper Derby will be held at Captree and Jones Beach piers. You can register on the days of the derby at either Jones Beach or Captree. There is no fee and there are categories for youngsters and adults.

Over at **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**, Tom Healy said that fluking was very good through Saturday before slowing over the balance of the long holiday weekend. On Friday, Al Kaich, his son Don and John Rasch aboard Al's 'Hunky' caught 75 fluke of which 20 were keepers. They worked the flood tide from the bridge to Democrat Point. Some blackfish inside the bay and also on outside wrecks. Quite a few sea bass being taken at the R.M. Bridge. Bluefishing was rejuvinated by the recent change in weather with steady action being provided by a body of fish located south of the Whistler in 70 feet of water. Wire line has produced best on

these 5 to 8 pound class fish. Also blues of 5 to 8 pounds taken on the weekend in 30 feet of water off of Ocean Beach. Big blues to 18 pounds being taken on bait over the Yankee Wreck. The 'Three Hearts' returned with blues to 8 and weaks to 8 pounds jigged to the east of the inlet. Tom knew of some tuna taken by chunkers between the Yankee and HA Buoy. Bluefins of 30 to 80 pounds predominated and a few fish were trolled in the early mornings. The Canyon was alive with yellowfin and some albacore. The 'Kay Gees' returned Monday AM from an overnighter with 15 yellowfins to 96 pounds and one albacore taken chunking at the Canyon.

According to Mike Andreani at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, some very good bluefishing south of Cherry Grove and Ocean Beach in 60 to 80 feet of water. A good body of school bass in the State Channel for those looking to get in on some catch and release action. The fish are being taken on plugs and it is a good idea to crush the barbs to aid in unhooking these fish. Flukers continue to do well on the last of the flood and the first of the ebb and flounder continue to be picked in the Sore Thumb pocket. Snappers remain excellent and crabbing is worthwhile. The only offshore news concerned lots of yellowfin tuna taken at the Canyon by chunkers. A reminder that the shop will have crabs in stock for those looking to hunt blackfish this weekend.

From **Charlie's Bait and Tackle** in **Lindenhurst**, Jimmy Schaefer reported that there is still some solid fluking in the State Channel and good fishing at the Inlet. Flood tide generally the best but the Ebb has also produced of late. On Saturday, Stephanie Palumbo aboard the Carol Ann with Michael Palumbo and Nancie Vitale, boated a 6½ pound fluke. She was fishing opposite the Coast Guard Station with a strip of squid. Some good bluefishing reports coming from the east off of Cherry Grove and Patchogue. Fish are scattered from 35 to 80 feet of water. A 14 pound bluefish was weighed in during the week by Howie Leach. The fish was taken on a fluke belly in Steamboat Channel, deep inside the bay. Also during the week, Michael Stankiewicz had a 5½ pound weak grab a strip of squid near the Lighthouse. Some big weakfish continue to be livelined from the Wreck Buoy to the Inlet on bunker and snappers. A mixed bag of flounder, sea bass, porgies and blowfish being taken at the Sore Thumb Pocket and in the deeper holes of the State Channel. Chum is a big help here. Snappers and crabs are doing fine.

Ralph Angelillo of **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague** provided one of the few inshore tuna reports of the week. Joe Uss trolled Daisy Chain squids south of Patchogue on Saturday to take a pair of yellowfins weighing 50 and 70 pounds. Some big blues were camped on the west bar of the inlet just prior to the weekend. On Wednesday, Jeff Buta and Mike Gerriputo used bunker

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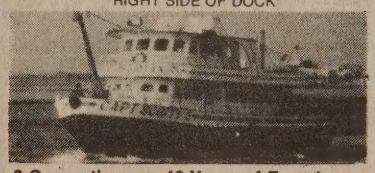

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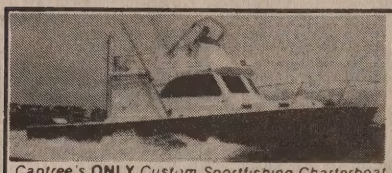
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chunks to take a mixed bag of porgies, sea bass and a 4 pound fluke fishing behind the Sore Thumb pocket. Some big weaks being taken on live bait along South Beach this week. On Saturday morning, Len and Bill used live bunker to take 4 weaks from 10 to 11½ pounds. Good snapper fishing at Tanner Park and Venice Marina with some small jacks mixed in. Crabbing remains decent on the flats.

Bob Vitale at **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor** reported that 'Kathy's Too' returned on Saturday with a load of 12 to 14 pound blues taken on bait west of Cholera. Blues also taken east of the inlet in 60 to 70 feet of water by jiggers and trollers. On Monday, Ed Unkel chunked an 87 pound yellowfin tuna aboard his 'Tin Man'. The Copiague Hole continues to produce a fine mixed bag of sea bass, porgies, blowfish, kingfish and flounder. Mike Fuchs on the 'Impulse' and Tom Claude and the James Gang aboard 'Jesse James' both cashed in handily on this action. Also a mixture of sea bass, porgies and blackfish on the Kismet Reef. Still some good fluking at the inlet and summer flatties still being taken back in the State Channel.

From **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale**, Frank Pristera reported red hot tuna fishing at the canyon over the weekend with lots of tuna taken by boats chunking overnight. John Gussman's 'Double Trouble' had 18 yellowfins at the tip of the canyon on Saturday night. Frank knew of a few yellowfins in the 40 pound class chunked at the Virginia. A mixed bag of fluke, sea bass, porgies and blues on the Fire Island Ocean Reef. Some 10 to 12 pound weakfish livelined on bunker and snappers at the inlet prior to all the weekend boat traffic and pretty good fluking at the inlet though this fishing is still being plagued by shorts. Crabbing has been excellent with one customer reporting jacking a load of blue claws opposite the Babylon Pool Monday night.

West End REPORT
with Stu Miller

Fall fishing really took off this week with inshore and offshore action enough to make anglers quite happy. Tuna fishing has been super to the point where tuna buyers are now turning away fish, which is a real bench mark. Fish are mostly yellowfins with a sprinkling of bluefins, footballs predominating. Fluke keeper ratios on the inside have improved a lot with bigger keepers now too. Mixed bags of flounder, sea bass, porgies, blacks and kings along with snappers and blue claws and, of course, flounder right now in the deeper holes have been filling out catches very nicely. Bluefishing catches have been from good to excellent depending on the trip and the boat. The September alligators are starting to show up, with fish caught this week to 20 lbs.

WEST END BAYS/ JONES INLET

We learn from **Wanser's Bait and Tackle** of lots of snappers throughout the bay on small spearing and small tins. Fluking good at the drawbridge, Haunts, Four Corners, Black Banks and inlet. Weakfish being taken on live snappers at the 3rd Wantagh and Big M. Bluefishing a good item at Cholera and 17 Fathoms, wrapped up by very decent floundering in the deeper holes in Zachs Bay, at Big M and off Short Beach CG Station.

Also in Seaford, **Captain Eddie's Fishing Station** tells of Mr. Dugan and Mr. Dracy who, on Saturday, totalled 66 keeper fluke from the second Wantagh to Squaw Island using killie-squid combos and also on single smelts. Both tides have been working with the keeper ratio greatly improved. Mr. Nello had 30 keepers on Sunday fishing the same area, same baits. Lots of sea bass, sea robins and large snappers to 12 inces and blue claws roving the bottoms.

Causeway Tackle in Wantagh tells of the good fluking this past week in State Channel, Reynolds and at the Black Banks. Good bluefishing on bait and chum at Cholera and fish also being trolled off Long Beach. Porgies have been very good at the bridges on sand worms and a few blackfish are starting on fiddlers. Flounder have been okay off the CG station on worms. John Leisz, age 3½ and his Pop of Massapequa collaborated to take an 8½ lb. fluke on a large snapper in Reynolds. Thursday saw paul Storozum fishing the Big M chunking up a 9 lb. 12 oz. weak and blues weighing 4½ and 5 lbs. in the early AM.

We hear from **Merrick Tackle** in Bellmore that customers are still bringing in a lot of fluke from the Ambrose Channel area and also some being caught in Jones Inlet and Swift Creek. Scott also told of very good snapper action in the bay with larger fish now being caught. The HA buoy area this week has yielded plenty of football size YFT for trollers and chummers.

At **Garan's Tackle** in Merrick, Gary was enthusiastic about the blackfishing which has started at the local bridges. One customer on Thursday had five blacks over 3 lbs. on fiddlers at the Big M. Flounder creating a lot of activity said Gary off the CG Station and fluking maintaining their steady activity in Jones Inlet.

As for the **Freeport Fleet** a call from the charter boat **Bluefin II** and **III** called fluking fair this week to the east with fish to 3½ lbs. and a greatly improved keeper ratio, with lots more keepers available now. On Wednesday on a trip for Modell's, Ben Zucker of Levi Strauss bagged the 3½ lb. fluke. Syd Liscan and Arnie Schiekewitz, joined forces for 13 keepers.

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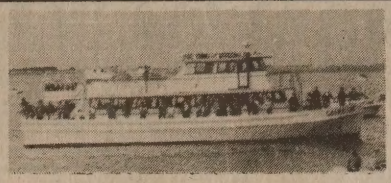

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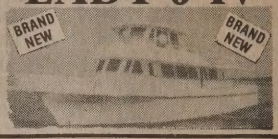

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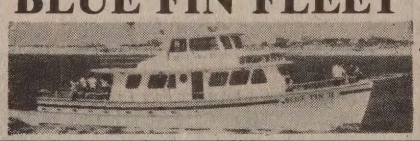

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Linda Grunscih, Williston Park, took a pool on one trip with a 2 lb. flounder. Lots of sea bass, snappers, porgies, blowfish and fluke also on the flounder trip. On the boat's daytime bluefish trips, some catches were better than others. Dick Bushelon had 27, Helmar Arizmendy, 14, and Joe Capuzi, 10. On Sunday, John O'Shea had over 30 on diamonds. Largest blue of the week was an 8 lber. for Tony Benneditto.

Aboard the **Capt. Andy II** this week, the skipper tells of very good flounder catches on both half day trips with nice catches of mixed sea bass and porgies mixed in. This was all week long.

Bunzie Bauer at **Hudson Point Fishing Station** informed us that 19 lb. 7 oz. blue won the prize for the largest bluefish caught in the Arthur Smith Bluefish Tournament held this past weekend. He didn't have the winner's name, however. Further details on that tournament to come. Fluking has been fair throughout local bays and channels on killies, squid and bucktails. Lots of yellowfin tuna on chum at night at the canyon with a few tuna trolled east and west of the HA, mostly YFTs with some BFTs mixed in, now running 15 to 20 lbs. Tuna also being chummed at the Mud Hole, again mostly YFTs with occasional BFTs, 20 to 40 lbs. Bluefishing took a sharp turn for the better at Cholera and buoy 4 for those chumming and chunking. Floundering good at the Big M and off the CG Station with a bonus of some porgies and kingfish while BCCS increased in West and Middle Bays.

Aboard the **Starstream II** this week, skipper Richie Kessinger said the bluefishing was good all week long with fish 1 to 8 lbs. with an odd bonito and weakfish thrown in. Nights have been best at 17 Fathoms with fish larger in the 10 to 12 lb. class as evidenced by Sunday night's trip.

FREEPORT

Jack Bruno boated this 13.2 lb. tiderunner weak while drifting a white jelly worm in Fire Island Inlet. The big yellowfin was checked in at Causeway Bait and Tackle in Wantagh.

We learn from Captain Pat of the **Lady J** Charter Fleet that his bluefish trips this week have been good considering the weather due south of Fire Island and Jones Inlet on jigs and on bait with mixed fish 2 to 15 lbs. Customers had a few decent fluke trips also this week in the back of Merrick and Seaford and also off Riis and in the channels. Some weakfish were mixed in. Trips this week were sailed for: Cub Pack 392; NYPD Crime Prevention Bureau, Auto Section; Martin Kaplan group, Dr. Rich Coven party, Mike Schwarner group, UPS, Ed Ehrlich party, Jim Rooney group, Dr. Norman Amer Group, and a group of underprivileged kids from Freeport, sponsored by the Freeport Tuna Club.

Bob at the **Freeport Boatmen's Association** said it looks like a great September coming up, with a lot of big keeper fluke being taken and a lot of tuna offshore. The **Super Spray II** has been enjoying better keeper ratios this past week on fluke on their two trip a day schedule and night blue trips have been doing nicely at Cholera and from 17 to 3 Sisters. Bluefishing took an upswing from Thursday on, with Cholera really coming alive with mixed fish to 20 lbs. Mud Hole and the eastern ledge of the canyon have been cranking out very good catches of yellowfin tuna.

A call from Captain Mike Dannon of the **Captain Lou Fleet** advises that flounder are now the prime target on both boats now and will continue to be all fall. On the half day boat this week, Michael Landaow of Maspeth, age 9, bagged a 5 lb. fluke, to wrap up a decent fluke season.

Mike also advised that the new boat he is building is coming along on schedule and should be here before winter sets in.

Over in Point Lookout, Captain Ron of the **Miss Point Lookout II** tells of Sunday's pool winning fluke, a 4½ lber. for Ben Hefter. Sunday AM's pool was a 3 lb. fluke for Evelyn Saks.

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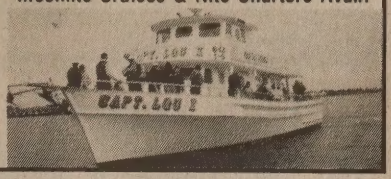

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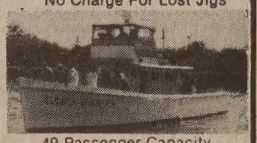

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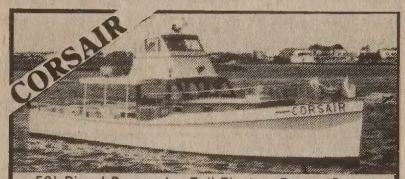

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The Saturday PM pool winner was Joe Ruggiero with a 3½ lber. The night bluefish trips this week ranged from good to great said the skipper. Please note that on Monday, September 8th, the boat will have switched to fall flounder for the two trip a day sailing schedule.

It was a fantastic week of bluefishing said Captain Al Lindroth of the party boat of the same name, with Sunday being especially super at 17 Fathoms on jigs. He called Saturday's fishing very good up until 1PM on blues and weaks with Monday continuing good. Sunday night was super with 35 fares boating over 500 blues. Al says nights are really starting to come alive in expected September fashion. He says he will be chumming on day trips soon also. With Friday through Monday ranging from good to excellent, the skipper expects solid catches from here on in.

A call from **Scotty's Fishing Station** told of good fluking in the flats. Joe Dimicelli had a 9¼ lber. on live snapper working near Big M Sunday, incoming water. Lots of sea bass being caught on sands and fiddlers at the bridges, along with blackfish on green crab. Good size snappers in western Reynolds and at the piers.

We hear of good fluking from **Ed's Fishing Station**, both in the back, in the channels and in the inlet. Fish appear to be moving out and the keeper ratio is now roughly one third, a big improvement. Sea bass and porgies are being picked throughout Reynolds and blacks are starting at the Big M. Flounder still good in Swift and off the CG station. Lots of snappers plus a few pilot fish and triggerfish being caught along with them. Lots of blue claws in the back by the Island Park Lilco station.

Captain Dennis of the charter boat **Marie III** says that Tuesday and Friday nights blue trips resulted in fair catches of 2 to 5 lbs. with catches averaging 5 to 10 fish a man. Saturday's day trip inshore of Jones Beach saw excellent bluefishing with some weaks mixed in. Sunday the boat worked off Atlantic Highlands for fluke taking about 700 fish with about a 70 percent keeper ratio, a huge improvement. They had several 3 and 4 lb. fish amongst the catch.

A call from Bernie at **Long Beach Boat Rentals** told of the excellent fluking at buoy 1 and in Reynolds Channel on squid-spearing combos on the last two hours of the ebb Sat. and Sun. Plenty of sea bass and a few blacks at the ABB. New bunker schools have moved into Reynolds with large blues and weaks cruising beneath them. BCCs and snappers in large numbers in the bays and creeks. Magnolia Blvd. Pier has produced a few weaks and big blues in the hours after midnight on bait.

Rich Keene at **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook passed the word to us that the $12,000 total weight category in the Arthur Smith Bluefish Tournament was won by Richie Lehr and pals of Broad Channel. Their catch was made in Jamaica Bay on live bunker. Craig Javett drifting a live bunker at the CG Station totalled 5 weaks with the 3 largest 9¾, 9.13 and 7.2 pounds. Super snapper fishing with chum helping to attract and hold these baby blues.

In Franklin Square, Fred at **Cast-A-Way Bait and Tackle** tells of Maryann and Guy Rienzi, catching 10 and 11 lb. weakfish in the State Channel using whole live bunker. Bluefish at buoy 4 being taken on chunks and chum with fish on the large side. Smaller blues from Atlantic Beach to the Rockaways being trolled on umbrellas and cast to on the surface. Plenty of tuna at the canyon and Mud Hole, mostly yellowfin, some bluefin. He says it looks like a super tuna season. Snappers and BCCs a very good item off East Rockaway, Cedarhurst and Lawrence. Flounder being caught off the CG Station and Jones Beach piers.

NEW YORK BIGHT

Vi at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** says the porgy and snapper action off the north and south channel bridges has been great right through Monday. She told of a 6½ lb. fluke taken at the Marine Parkway Bridge by Juan Smedi, Jr. on a bunker. Four buddies fishing Gerritsen flats with live killies accounted for nearly 50 keeper fluke, from 1½ to 4 lbs. These anglers were from Fire House No. 331, Howard Beach. Lou Bologno fishing a chunk a the Pumpkin Patch boated a 10 lb. 8 oz. blue. A few small blues being taken off the South Channel bridge.

To the west in Sheepshead Bay, Captain Joe Hauck of the **Helen H** reports he has been having good day and night bluefishing at 17 Fathoms and Farms with mixed fish.

Charlie at **Mike's Bait and Tackle** tells of lots of yellowfin to 60 lbs. at

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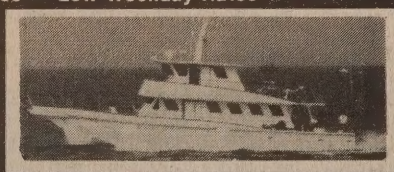

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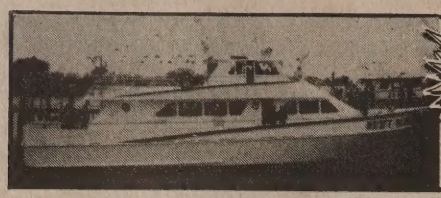

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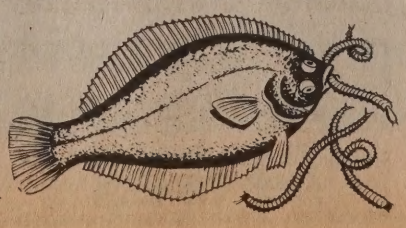
the Mud Hole being both baited and jigged on Vike 2 or 4 jigs. Fish are mostly footballs. The bluefish boats have been doing good he said with larger fish being caught at night. Boats have been working Seabright days and 17 Fathoms nights, though fish have been on the small side. Fluking has been good off Seabright and on Monday he weighed in a 9¼ lber. Blacks and porgies have been making anglers happy off the Jersey coast, while snappers have been abundant in the local bays. Charlie asked us to let you know that although the shop's lease is up this winter, Mike's Tackle, a landmark at Sheepshead Bay is definitely not going out of business. The present store will be there until at least January of '87 and if no new deal is negotiated for the present location, Mike's Tackle will be reopening in a new store in the immediate area. Charlie said that he's also opening a second store which will be strictly sporting goods on October 1st at 13th Ave. and Ovington Ave., Bensonhurst.

On the **Flamingo III** this week, bluefishing has been good, but with every day a new ballgame, seeking out the choppers in different areas each day. Some 4 to 6 lb. weakfish have been mixed into the catches. Blues have been running 2 to 5 lbs. all along the Jersey beaches and the skipper loosely termed the week's fishing as "erratic."

Captain Butch of the **Zephyr** called this week's fluking very good, particularly Saturday, Sunday and Monday off the Jersey coast. Customers had keepers anywhere from 10 to 40 a person with the big fish of the week topping out at 9½ lbs.

Captain Tom of the **Pilot II** spoke of very good catches of big blackfish running 2 to 8 lbs. on fiddlers. On some days porgies were the target of opportunity running 1/2 to 1 lb. Sea bass have been making a showing also. Tom says the bottom fishing has really been very good this past week and will be getting even better and he sees some excellent black and porgy fishing coming our way.



North Shore REPORT

with Marty Garrell

A cold front last week gave a push to summer flounder, and scup and bluefish continued to please in mid-island harbors and on the East End. The recent strike of northern worm diggers proved a headache to many dealers who ran out of bait over the long Labor Day weekend.

WESTERN SOUND

At **John's Gun** in **New Rochelle**, owner John Palmieri noted that blues and porgies were almost everywhere. While chunking off Mamaroneck, Jerry Zapatas had an enormous 15.6 pound weakfish. John told us that a number of anglers have been hooking sea turtles, and he cautioned the

fishermen to release the big creatures gently. They are federally protected and some of them may be endangered Kemp Ridleys.

John DiCuffa at **Jack's Bait** on **City Island** said that small boats were loading up locally on porgies to one pound at Execution Light and Sands Point. Fort Schuyler and Big Tom had some fluke, but bluefishing was disappointing after the cold front.

The **Klondike VIII** from **New Rochelle** "got by" on Sunday and Monday after a poor Saturday. Pete Pearson figures it's just a problem of adjustment for the three to six pound or seven to seventeen pound bluefish. There seems to be two bodies of fish running around the deep areas, including Stamford Reef and Green's Ledges.

The **City Island** open boats **Apache** and **North Star** have been doing well on scup trips to the east. Pete Anderson said that the **North Star** has some large porgies in thirty-five to Sixty-five feet of water around Buoy 11B until the tide picked up at midday Sunday. At that point, the b boat headed inshore to make up a catch of medium to small fish. Sinker weights of eight ounces or more may be necessary on the deep water scup.

Carl Giangrande called to say that the **Reliable** out of the Worlds Fair Marina on Flushing Bay had a fabulous day of fluking over the Labor Day weekend in the area around the Verrazano. Fishing in twenty to twenty-six feet of water with combination baits, the party boat managed some two-hundred summer flounder to around six pounds. Sound fishing was on tap this coming week. Pool winner Monday was Frank Platia.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

George Valentine at **Four Winds** said that giant blues moved into Lloyds and Huntington Harbors about twelve hours after the contest was over and provided action during most of the week. There were a lot of fourteen to fifteen pound slammers with an occasional seventeen to nineteen pound gorialla caught every day on bunkers and on large artificials like Gibbs, Dannys, Goo-goo Eyes and bunker spoons. Larry Ekhard had twenty fish to 17.3 pounds while Keith Cunningham had a 19.4. The tip of Lloyds and Eatons were still producing fluke, up to fifteen to twenty-five fish per boat per day.

Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** in **Northport** said that there were nice porgies everywhere. There were sand porgies off Asharoken and Sand City while Makamha east of Crab Meadow and east of the Coast Guard Station had some medium to large fish in thirty to fourty feet of water. Tom himself had three tautog on Sunday and he's been seeing fluke all over Northport Bay with some flatties in

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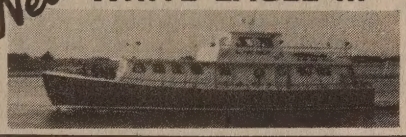

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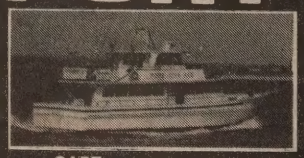

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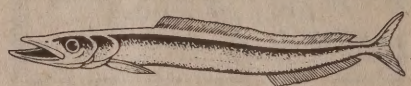

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Things were slow on Monday morning at the **Greenlawn Sport Shop** according to Ilene Fleischmann. There was still much grumbling about the terrible bunker kills off Centerport and Cold Spring Harbor.

Tim Caraftis explained that the **Caraftis Fishing Station** in **Port Jefferson** was having some of the best porgy fishing ever. Fish ranged all the way from a half pound to jumbos off Old Field, Cranes, and the Sea Buoy in fourty to fifty feet of water. Fluking was still good.

Ralph Davenport at **Ralph's** in **Mount Sinai** ran out of bait on Sunday but rejoiced in the excellent catches of porgies. One huge scup from the Bell Buoy area weighed an even four pounds, and there were a lot of scup off Miller Place and Rocky Point, too. Hundreds of blues to four pounds were off Shoreham.

The **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** is stacked up on clams and bloodworms for local scup fans and will be carrying fiddler crabs next week. Some blues to twelve pounds located around the Buoy 9 lobster pots.

The **Port Jeff Ace** and the **Prowler** have had some good day time trips in the past week according to Roy Cash. Blues run anywhere from two to twelve pounds with typical pool fish over ten. There are shoals of bonito around as well. Bruce Cash had an exciting time releasing bass to twenty-five pounds on several trips. Roy likes the solid sizes of porgies in the deep water off the Middle Grounds and the ledges north of Cranes. Fish to one pound are common and there are some large jumbos in the pods as well. Pin porgies are still close to the beach on some drops.

Captain John Alberda, of **Sound Charters**, reports good bluefishing during the past week. Charters for the weekend included Bob and Rob Hoerr who fished at Eaton's Neck for seventy blues in the ten to fifteen pound range. Bob Smith with his friend Bill did as well with fish from four to sixteen pounds. Monday morning plugs were used by Roger Fretz at Lloyds Harbor, where blues to nineteen pounds were so eager to grab plugs trolled on mono that two were actually caught on one plug. Captain Alberda will sail every week day afternoon, by reservation and is booking weekend charters for blues and blackfish.

NORTH FORK

George at **Warren's** in **Aquebogue** said that there were plenty of blues to six pounds at Buoy 5 for those who trolled cherry tubes, while Horton's had some large slammers to fifteen pounds for users of whole bunker on Cartwright rigs.

Sunday was a busy day for Maureen Caraftis at the **Mattituck**

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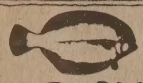
BAIT  **BOATS**

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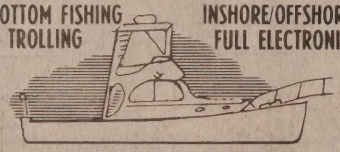
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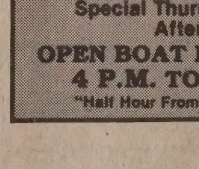
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Fishing Station. The big fall run of porgies has not developed yet, but there is a nice mix of tautog among the scup. Horton's seemed slower over the weekend for bluefish addicts.

Phil Loria at **Captain Marty's** in **New Suffolk** was pleased with catches of porgies from the area west of Robins Island over the weekend. Scattered with the scup were some weakfish to six pounds. Full pails were noted on some boats despite the lack of worms and squid. Bait supplies should be better this week, and the fall fishing is picking up.

Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt** saw some nice catches of scup on both sides of Mashomack Point and from the Gardiner's zones around Eastern Plains Point in fourty feet of water. It was the sizes of the porgies in Southold Bay that really spun some caps, however. Jim Castagna and Charlie Hart encountered a pair of scup that were 2.0 and 2.3 on the scales. These fish were part of a five gallon catch of mediums. The **Sea Boots** had blues to ten pounds from Gardiner's, too, and Tony LoPerfido's **Fishalot** pulled a dozen keeper fluke to three and a half pounds from the old Orient Station area. Pete Izzo's **Boanne II** finished the open boat half day schedule with some good trips around Plum Island. Tom Bernhardt told us that the charter season still lies ahead.

The **Prime Time III** will be beginning its "second Season" bottom fishing on or about September seventh to the tenth, according to John Rainis. The fluke season picked up for Larry Ciccotto on the Labor Day weekend with some nice catches around the Sound. Sunday's haul was seventy keepers to six pounds.

Bob at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in **Greenport** added that there were already some nice catches of flounder (winter flounder) at Orient to compliment the late fluke. However, it was the porgy fishing of the **Brand X** and **Peconic Star** which was really outstanding. Both boats caught well Friday despite the northwesterlies, and there are scup all the way from Plum Island down to the eastern ledges near New London. Fish to jumbo sizes around two pounds are occasionally scattered among mediums, honest one to one and a quarter pound fish. The deepest spots call for more than eight ounces of lead in one-hundred to one-hundred and twenty feet of water but a lot of the day's fishing is in seventy feet or less, too. Sharpies really do have full pails!

Richie Jensen of the **Nancy Ann** called the bluefishing "unbelieveable" with schools thicker every day. On some days, charters return with aching arms as early as 10:00am. The largest choppers are around twelve pounds with lots of six to eight pounders. Usually there's a weakfish or two per trip. Jensen told us that John Sinning's **Sundowner** had an offshore catch of bonito and bluefish over the weekend but dropped a couple of big tuna as well.

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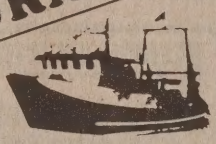

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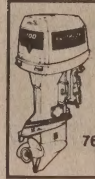

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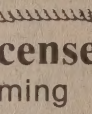

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Surf REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Recent weather changes have given surf fishing an early boost with an upturn in bass action and a fine showing of big blues in some areas.

Out in **Montauk**, Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop** reported a bass between 35 and 40 pounds caught and released by Dennis O'Connell at Shagwong Thursday night. Schoolies were caught along the same beach after dark through the weekend. Swimming plugs and Needlefish accounted for much of the action. John Dietz worked the vicinity of Evan's Rock for a lone weakfish Saturday night. Sunday morning saw blues in the 3-5 pound class hit the beach for a couple of hours near Hither Hills. Plugs and tins accounted for plenty of fish between 7 and 9:30 AM.

Blues have been spread along East End beaches from Amagansett to Montauk in the early AM with popping plugs producing best. An occasional weakfish, including some real tide-runners, sprinkled among the blues. The fish have been feeding on snappers and small squid.

Glen Just of the East End Surf Club relayed word that there were plenty of big blues on the open beach east of Shinnecock Inlet Saturday PM. The fish range as high as 17 pounds with most taken on tin though some did fall to plugs. Glen noted that there was all kinds of bait in the area including lots of bunker moving through. Glen, in addition to blues, managed an 8 pound bass after dark on a mackerel Bomber. He also knew of plenty of big blues being taken on chunk bait in Mount Sinai Harbor. Most of these fish range between 10 and 16 pounds. Rumors of some blues also being taken on bait at Horton's Point.

Thom Speckenbach at **Speck's Bait and Tackle** in **Southampton** reported blues averaging 8 to 12 pounds with some bigger back on the beach in Southampton and at Shinnecock Inlet. The fish have been riding herd on bunker and are being taken on plugs and tins.

Confirmation of this South Fork action also came from Paul Graniello at **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**. He heard from several customers of steady action with blues in the Shinnecock/Southampton area as well as along the Moriches shore. Richard Monte had a 33 inch bass along with a schoolie on the west side of Moriches Saturday. Paul noted that quite a few school bass are being picked along the Moriches shore. Davis Park, Fire Island produced several flurries of 3 to 8 pound blues for resident anglers

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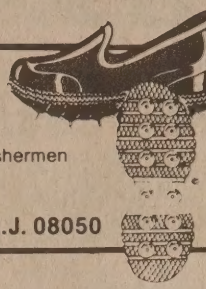

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and one Patchogue Fishing Club member reported taking 3 mid-teen blues on bait at Robert Moses State Park late in the week.

From **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**, Tom Healy knew of some blues and an occasional weak at Democrat Point. Some big weakfish taken on live bunker, fresh chunks and live snappers on several occasions last week at Cedar Beach. Joe Sapienza had a 12½ pounder checked in at **Captree Bait and Tackle**.

Carl Miller of **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore** had word of some big blues taken on bunker and mackerel chunks at Democrat this past week. One customer who preferred anonymity nailed 6 one morning and drew a blank the next.

There was a showing of some nice stripers on Fire Island beaches over the weekend. Eleven year old Richie Simmons used a pencil popper to nail his first big bass ever. The fish checked in at 32 pounds and was paired with a 12 pounder. This was Saturday evening. Sunday morning I managed bass of 43, 20, 13 and 11 pounds on large white pencil poppers. Monday morning, Paul Rodriguez connected with his first big bass. It was taken just before daybreak on a yellow darter and checked in at 32 pounds. Both young anglers hail from East Islip.

Hank Richards put mackerel chunks to work on the Cedar Bar Friday. According to Ralph Angelillo of **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague**, Hank put away 8 choppers from 15 to 17½ pounds.

Over at **Causeway Tackle** in **Wantagh**, Bobby Turturello spoke of quite a few bass being picked up at West

End at dawn and dusk on Bombers. The fish range from schoolies up into the teens. Also at West End, some big blues after dark on bunker and mackerel chunks. The same holds true for the Cedar Bar.

Reports of action to the west continue to be a problem to gather. Anyone looking to share their knowledge of action along the western South Shore and North Shore can contact me at 516-725-4200, Monday mornings between 8AM thru 10:30 AM.

Up on the North Shore, George Valentine at **Four Winds Bait and Tackle** said that big blues have been riding herd on bunker throughout the harbor areas giving casters a shot at the fish from the Town Dock and along West Shore Road. The fish average close to 14 pounds with fish up into the high teens being taken on snagged bunker or large surface plugs. One caster reported a flurry of action with 8 to 10 pound blues at Caumsett on Sunday or Monday morning.

John Coffey was more than pleased with his 12 pound bluefish taken on Sunday. He whipped the fish on a one hand spinning rod and a small Hopkins while working Callahans Beach.

Rob Osinsky filed a report concerning a stretch of Sound shore between Long Beach and West Meadow Beach. He spoke of 10 to 14 pound blues raiding the beaches all week on night and early AM tides. On Saturday night, Steve Kozlik put away 5 slammers. Harry Starker has been doing a job on the fish all week. Rob's largest blue of the week was a 16½ pounder taken on Sunday. Fresh bunker chunks are turning the trick on the fish.

Up at **Rocky Point Fishing Stop**, Stan Hentschel reported some lively bass action this past week with lots of 5 to 8 pounders and a few to 10 taken on Bombers, Redfins and Droppers along local beaches but spread from Smithtown to Wading River. A fair number of blues around 10 pounds being taken on bait. A few falling to plugs.

Freshwater REPORT
with Tom Schlichter

With beautiful weather over the Labor Day weekend, anglers were out in force, and most were well rewarded for their efforts if this week's reports are any indication of how well the fish were feeding. It seems that the fall temperatures are right on schedule and bass, trout, pickerel and panfish all know that it's time to put on a little added weight. The next month should see some of the best freshwater action of the year, so get out there and cash in on it.

According to Charlie Beckmann of **Beckmann's Bait and Tackle, Lynbrook**, most species of freshwater fish seem to be feeding well in local lakes and ponds. Of particular interest is the brackish water of Doxee Pond where anglers are catching plenty of perch and some small striped bass. The bass, of course, must be released but they are providing a lot of fun. Howard Schoen of Hewlet, fished at Connetquot River State Park over the weekend where he used a black maribue streamer to nail a 3.1 pound brook trout.

Over at **Causeway Bait and Tackle, Wantagh**, Mike Nicoletti reports that with the new crispness in the air, most of his better freshwater patrons are traveling "out east" to do their bass fishing. Still, there is plenty to be said for the local scene. Anglers working corn baits in South Twin Lake are scoring with carp weighing into the low teens just before dark, while those who throw small spinners are catching small pickerel. Number one Mepps is the hottest lure at the moment.

From **Edelman's Sportsman's Center, Farmingdale**, Fred Laager tells us that bass fishing has been pretty good over the past week or so. As evidence, Fred offered the four pound bass taken from Fort Pond by Eric Fieldstadt. Eric used a "rattling spot" to fool this bigmouth and then worked spinner baits in Big Reed Pond where he connected with twelve keeping sized fish. White was the color to use at the later location. Another angler who took advantage of the cooperative bass this week was Jimmy Chiarenza who took a 3.5 pounder from Lake Ronkonkoma. Jimmy also clicked with a three quarter pound crappie. "Hula Poppers" did the trick on both fish.

From Warren Gehr of **Warren's Archery and Fishing, Selden**, we learned that on Sunday, Eugene Meyers connected with his first ever carp out at Kahlers Pond in East Moriches. Eugene used corn bait to coax the 9.5 pounder, which he said gave him quite a tussel.

One of the few places to report slow fishing over the Labor Day weekend was Caleb Smith State Park. According to park manager Mike Venuti, this is mostly attributed to low water levels making for difficult fly fishing conditions. On cool rainy mornings, the action does seem to perk up a little bit.

From **J&R Sports Center, Oakdale**, we learned that the fishing in Connetquot River State Park has been fast over the past week. Best fish weighed in over the weekend was the 5.3 pound rainbow taken at site #15 by Kevin Barbier. Kevin used a streamet to entice the big bow.

Paul Graniello of **J&J Bait and Tackle** in **Patchogue**, gave us even more conformation that the trout are back on the feed. Milo Misut fished the park on Tuesday where he clicked with a brook trout weighing 2.10 pounds. The brookie fell for a home tied pattern. In the Mill Pond, the weeds are quickly receeding and the bass are feeding. Action has been good mornings and evenings with occasional crappies and pickerel mixed in. Anglers have been throwing shallow running plugs or live killies.

A call to Al Schreier of the **Sportsman's Center, Medford**, revealed that the winner of the shop bass contest is Nelson Peters who checked in a 6.14 pound bigmouth on Saturday. Nelson used a live killie in Fresh Pond to dupe his trophy.

Fishing on the Peconic River System was "great" over the weekend according to George Devlin of the **Fisherman's Deli** in **Riverhead**. Bass, panfish and pickerel all feeding hot nd heavy. On Sunday, George Valente of Lindenhurst, checked in a 6.25 pound bass taken in the river on a live killie. On Monday, George returned to take four bass and a carp to 3.5 pounds. Don Wanser of Smithtown, sampled the action at Forge Pond and was well rewarded. He landed a bass of 5.12 pounds while his fishing buddy Marvin Baum of Hempstead clicked with a 3.5 pound pickerel. The pair also hit several smaller bass. Plastic worms were the ticket. Scott Ray brought in the largest bass of the weekend but wouldn't part with the location where it was taken. The seven pounder Scott weighed in at the shop fell for a plastic worm.

George Valente of Lindenhurst stopped by **Smokey's Bait and Tackle** in **Bay Shore** on Saturday with a 6.2 pound largemouth he reported taking from the Peconic River.

Jason Cardinale worked Fort Pond in Montauk on Thursday night. He put a 7½ pound largemouth on the scale at **Johnny's Tackle Shop** in **Montauk**.

Bob Vitale at **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor** had most of Connetquot State Park to himself in Thursday's steady rain. He made the most of his opportunity on beat #10 by putting away more than 40 brooks, browns and rainbows, including a pair of hefty 20" browns.

Young Eric Nyman caught this fine stringer of panfish while on a recent visit to New Hampshire. Subscriber photo.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . –0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." –0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	8:35	8:45	9:20	9:35	9:15	9:20	10:05	10:20	11:55	—	11:55	—	8:30	8:45	9/4
FRI.	9:15	9:25	10:00	10:15	9:50	10:00	10:40	11:00	12:10	12:25	12:10	12:30	9:10	9:25	9/5
SAT.	9:55	10:05	10:40	10:55	10:25	10:35	11:20	11:45	12:45	1:00	12:50	1:10	9:50	10:10	9/6
SUN.	10:35	10:50	11:20	11:40	11:10	11:20	—	12:05	1:25	1:45	1:35	1:50	10:35	10:55	9/7
MON.	11:20	11:40	—	12:05	11:55	—	12:30	12:50	2:10	2:30	2:20	2:35	11:20	11:40	9/8
TUES.	—	12:15	12:25	12:55	12:10	12:50	1:20	1:40	3:00	3:20	3:05	3:25	—	12:15	9/9
WED.	12:30	1:15	1:20	1:55	1:10	1:45	2:15	2:40	3:55	4:15	4:00	4:25	12:35	1:15	9/10
THURS.	1:35	2:15	2:20	3:00	2:10	2:50	3:20	3:45	4:55	5:15	5:05	5:30	1:40	2:20	9/11

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehobeth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	–0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point, north side	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	–0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rochelle	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	–1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 9/4	6:28	7:30
FRI. 9/5	6:29	7:28
SAT. 9/60	6:30	7:26
SUN. 9/7	6:31	7:24
MON. 9/8	6:32	7:22
TUE. 9/9	6:33	7:20
WED. 9/10	6:34	7:18

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 9/4	6:30AM	7:50PM
FRI. 9/5	7:40AM	8:10PM
SAT. 9/6	8:40AM	8:35PM
SUN. 9/7	10:00AM	9:00PM
MON. 9/8	11:15AM	9:25PM
TUE. 9/9	12:30PM	10:00PM
WED. 9/10	1:45PM	10:45PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
9/4	9/11	9/18	9/26

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Sat.	7:10	12:55	7:40	1:25
Sun.	8:00	1:50	8:30	2:15
Mon.	8:50	2:40	9:25	3:10
Tues.	9:45	3:35	10:20	4:05
Wed.	10:50	4:40	11:20	5:05
Thurs.	11:50	5:40	—	6:10

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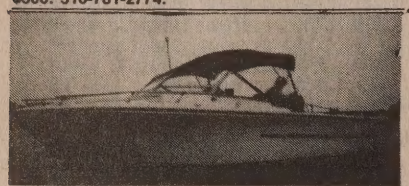

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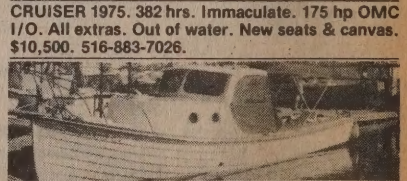

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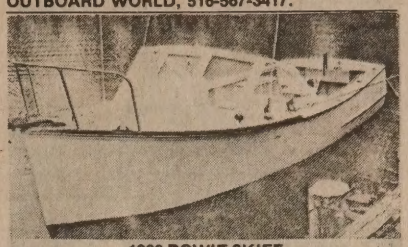

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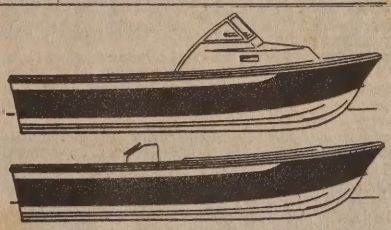

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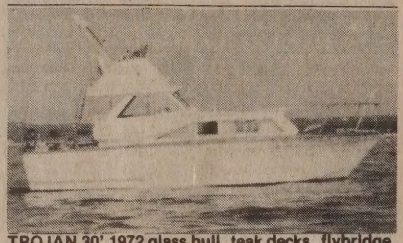

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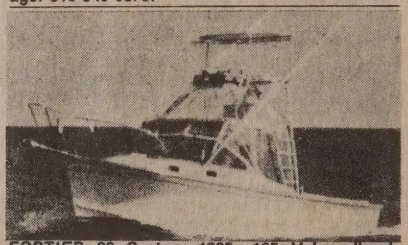

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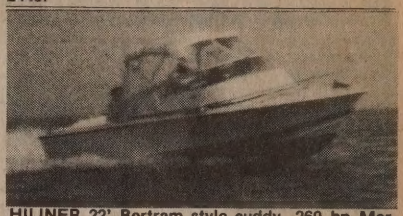

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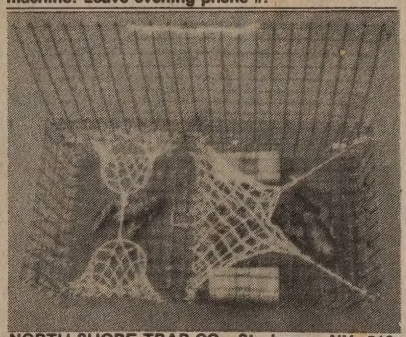

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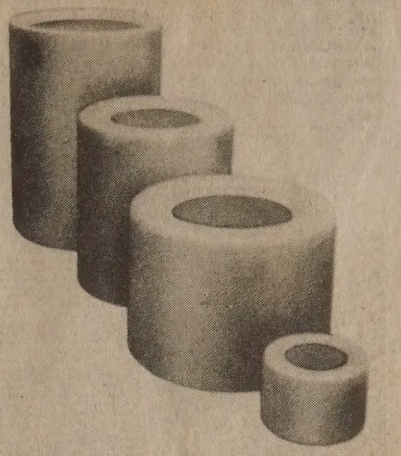

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